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Briefe Introductions both naturall, pleasaunte and also delectable vnto the arte of Chiromancy or manuel diuination and Phisiognomy. with circumstances upon the faces of the signes.

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The first Chapiter of the distinction of the hand.

THE auncient Grekes, who (as it may appere bi the lōg and old vse of the worde) vyd vse thys sorte and kinde of Diuinatyon, whiche is gathered by the beholding of mans hand, called it by this proper name of Chyromancia. Wherfore, I intending to write the rules and obseruations therof, do thinke it necessary and mete firste of all to discribe the hand of man, and poynte out & set forthe his partes, wherby such rules and preceptes as shalbe geuen vpon this manuell diuination: maye the more easily be vnderstand and knowen. The hand therfore being ertent or ope-

ned abroade, the playne within is called the palme, in the middeſt whereof there is a certaine ſpace called the concaue or holowneſſe, oute of the whiche the fiue fingers haue their originall and beginning. Amongſt the which, the firſt being the ſtrongeſt and mooſte groſſe, is called the Thomb: the next is called the Inder or forfinger, becauſe in ſhewing or poin ting to any thing, we do commonly vſe that finger. The next that foloweth and is in the middeſt of the fiue, is by the ſame name called the middle finger: next after this is the Ringe finger: ſo called, becauſe it is commonly to weare a ring of golde vppon it, and ſpecially that on the lefthand, for becauſe as learned men hold opinion, there doth paſſe a certaine ſmall ſinnowe from that Finger to the hearte of man: wherefore it ſemed good in times paſte to the antiquitie, to wear a ringe as a crowne vppon that finger, or els as ſome do ſuppoſe, that goulde by nature doth comforte the heart. The laſte finger and leaſte of all, is called the eare finger, becauſe it is commonlye vſed

vsed to make cleane the eares. And thus farre concernynge the fingers. More ouer, the hand beyng closed or shut wyth the fingers turned in, we call the fiste, the nether parte wherof (amongest such as vse this Arte,) is commonlye called the percussion or pomel of the hand. The the place where the hand is drawen and gathered in, & ioyned to the arme, is also called the wreast. Furthermore, euerye finger hath his proper rising or swelling of the flesshe, which dothe rise at the rote or nether parte of the saide fingers, and of some is called hilles, and are attributed vnto the names of the Planets. Among the whiche is reckened the rising or hyll in the nether parte of the fist, called the percussion of the hand, so that in the hande are limitted and appoynted seuerall places vnto euerye of the Planettes, whereby iudgemente maye be gathered. For the risinge or hill of the thombe is assigned vnto Venus, and marked with this Carecter ♀, the hyll of the fore finger to Iupiter, and is thus noted ♃, the middle finger is attribute

to Saturne, with this note ♄, the Ringe finger to the Sunne, wyth this character ☉, the hill of the little or eare finger is vnder Mercury, with this marke ☿, the rising or hill which is in the percussion, the Mone doth posses, and is thus figured ☽. Now what place Mars shall haue we will shew you hereafter, but first we will make discription of the incisions & diuisions of the hand, whiche we cal the lines. Amongst the which these be chief and principal, the 1 wreast which diuideth the hand from the arme, and is almoste ioyned to the line of life, or of the harte, the 2 which beginneth vnder the hil of the forefinger, as it were betwene the forefinger and the thombe, and doth deuide the hand stretching downward toward the wreast. In the same side of the hande at the hil of the forefinger, beginneth a line which passeth ouerthwart the hand to the hil of the Moone, and is called the 3 middle or meane natural line. And these two lines thus beginning and passinge sundry wayes, make the form and shape of a Triangle. To the which, if the line

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of the Liuer or stomacke, whiche beginneth ouer against the wrest, and passeth vnder the hil of the thombe, to the hil of the Moone, by the end of the medle natural line, do appere, as in some it dothe not, it finisheth the Triangle. And the space conteyned within theese lines, is attribute and geuen vnto Mars, and is called the triangle of Mars, noted wyth this Figure ♂. There is also an other line, called the table line, beginning vnder the eare finger, at the ende of the hil of the Moone, and runneth to the fore finger, and is so called, because the space betwene it and the middle or meane naturall, doth argue or shewe the fashion of a Table, and that space is alwayes called the table or quadrangle of the hād and the line is also called the line of fortune. And these be almost the chief diuisions or lines of the hand, to the whiche all other lesse and smaller incisions and lines are referred. But now as neare as we can we wil discribe them all, and as farre as partaineth to this Arte, shewe their nature and signification. And first

I thinke meete to speake of those lines, which take their denomination or name of the three principal membres of mans
19 bodye, that is of the hearte, the Braine, and the Liuer. For as in those partes, what so euer is in man is aultered and chaunged: so by those three incisions and lines, a manne may foresee and pronosticate what so euer shall happen, touchinge healthe or aduersitye, or other thinges naturall. The whyche if anye manne thincke to be vayne and triflinge: let him call to remembraunce the auncient Philosophers of Pythagoras secte, who chiefliye by the proporcion and liniamentes of mannes bodye, dyd declare and Pronosticate the manners, state, and ende of mannes life. For what is saide of Socrates, when that a certaine man professinge the Arte of Phisiognomy, or speculation: beholdinge Socrates, iudged him by his outward habite to be a very euil man, of vncleane life, libidinous, and geuen to al euil, was therfore wonderfullye rebuked of hys Scholers, as thoughe he hadde shamefully slaun-

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dered him, Socrates answered: that in deede naturallye he felte suche mocions and inclinations, so that if he had not corrected the vices of hys nature by the rules of reason, he hadde bene suche a one as he had pronounced hym to be: meaninge that the defaultes of nature are to be corrected by good order and reason, and that a manne oughte to stryue agaynste Prouidence. And the Prynce of the Paripeterians Aristotle, saide the hande of man to be made of nature, the principal organe and instrumente in mannes bodye. For sithens it is his office to Minister and serue all other partes of the bodye, and that in humaine generation, the vertues, powers, and strengthe, of all membres do come together: It is verye consequente and agreable, some certain signs and tokens of the qualitie and complexion of mā, to be knowen and perceiued by the hand. Suche is the proportion of membres among them selues, that they do partake one wyth another in all thynges. And further, that thys Arte of Chyromancie

was vsed in the time of Plinie, he hym
selfe doth affirm. Not withstãding I take
it to be my dutie to admonish you what
you ought to attribute to thys arte, and
what is els to be ioyned wyth it, least a-
ny man should thinke to include or shut
vp the knowledge of so highe and great
thinges into so straight and narow co-
ners. Wherefore what I iudge herein
8. I thinke good to shewe. As often as I
must answere to any that enquireth, by
and by as is accustomed, I loke vpon the
hand, and therwithal beholde the whole
bodye with the lineamentes, and pro-
porcion of the same, whiche is called his
Phisiognomie, (whereof in the boke fol-
lowing I will intreate,) then I caste my
minde to the hour of Natiuitie, moneth,
daye, or yere: the whiche knowen, I re-
ferre strait to the rules of natural Astro-
logye hereafter by mee written, then
plainely iudgyng none of these by them
selues sufficient. And thinking it better
to iudge them foles in geuyng light cre-
dite, then I to be counted rashe and fo-
lishe hastye in geuing sentence. So that

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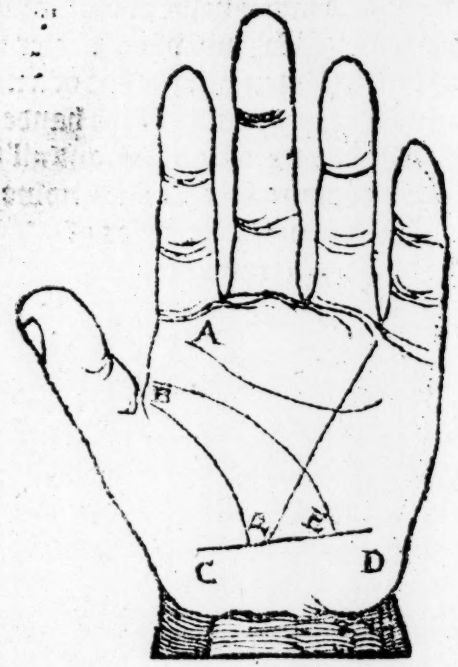
when I haue gathered all these thinges together, and taken holde of that whiche I thinke meete for my vse, I vtter my iudgment, estemyng the poynt of a mad manne, by lokyng onlye in the hande, to geue iudgemente of the life and all the states of mans bodye. And nowe I returne to the rules of Chyromancie.



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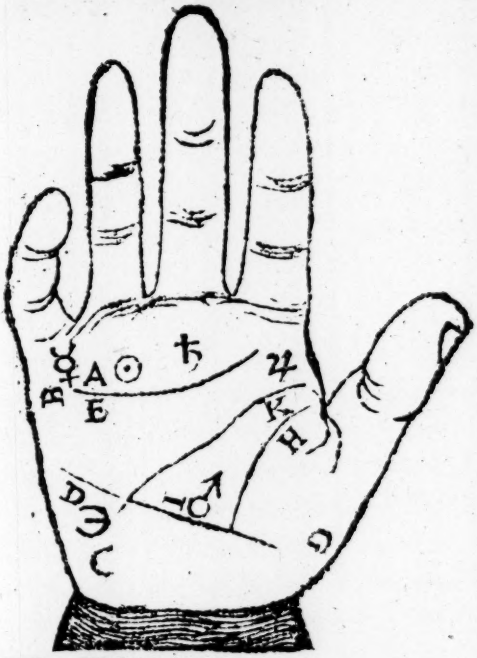
B The line of life, or of the heart.
C The vvreſt of a vvoman.
D The pomell of the hande.
E The middle naturall line.
F The line of the liuer or ſtomacke.



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C The vvr eſt of a man.
D The line of the liuer.
E The table or quadrangle.
G The hill of the thombe.
H The line of life, or of the heart.
I The triangle.
K The middle naturall line.

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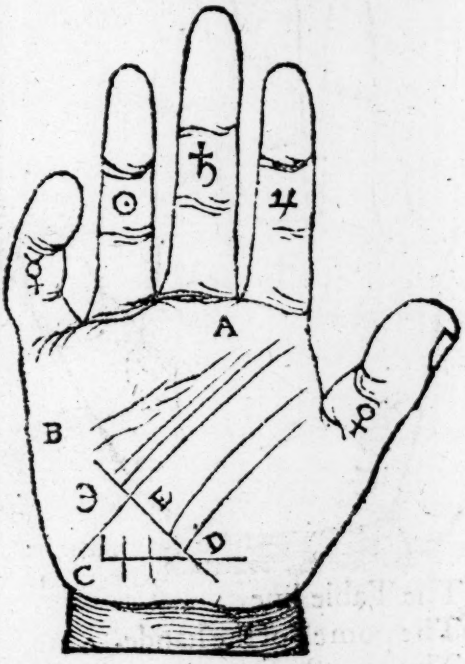

A The imperfect table line.
B The Sister to the naturall line.
C The line of the liuer or stomacke.
D The Sister of the line of life.
E The line of life.

The seconde Chapiter of the line of life, or of the heart.

The line of life, called also the line of the hearte, beginneth as is saide before at the hyl of the forefinger, passing by the midst of the palme, goeth to the wreast. The whiche if it be long, straite, liuely coloured, bright and cleare, it betokeneth longe life, endomaged with fewe diseases or sickenesse. Plinie affirmyng the same, saythe: that it is a tokē of longe life to haue vpright shoulders, and two long incisiōs or lines in one hande, the which are to be vnderstande of the line of lyfe, and the medle natural line. If that ỹ naturall powers be weake, and that the line doe appeare short and of diuers colours, runninge in and out, thinne or slender, and cut or parted in sunder, with manye ouerthwarte riules or small cresses, it dothe declare shortnesse of life, muche sickenesse, small strength, and that he in whom thys is so noted, shall seldome or neuer bryng any thing

thing to a good end. So likewise, the line grose, long, and vndeuided, doth shew al the contraries to the same, Wherfore, if any man do requyre or aske a reason of this thing, we answer, the blud ẏ which doth norish the hart, and is also thought to be the seat & resting place of ẏ minde, to be the cause efficiēt of this thing. For it is most certain, that as ẏ blud is pure, or vnpure: so the line shall be coloured, either cleare or dark: so as lōg as blonde dothe abounde, it shewth roddye and bryghte: and contrariwise, pale, & swart, when the blonde doth fail or war scarse. Wherby aswel the naturall heate dimished and the weake bodye, as also the strong & lusty body is shewed & declared. Thē if this line be narow, subtile, & wel colored, & stretch forth toward the medle
17. natural: it signifieth a mā of good counsel, of subtile vnderstandinge, and of an high and princelye minde and stomacke. And if it be broade, il coloured, and pale: it signifieth the cōtrary. This is alwais to be noted in all principall lines, that if they be straite, not deuided, neyther cutte

cutte, and well coloured, it doth declare a good complexion: if they be contrariwise disposed or set, it sheweth the contrart. Also if ỳ line of life be grose, depe, and diuersly coloured, that is to saye, one place redde, another pale or swarte, is a signe of malice, craft, enuy, and the man to be a great talker, and boaster, and one that standeth much in his owne conceit. If the line be grosse and very red, it betokeneth a crafty, a filthy, and an inconstant man, but if it be pale, mired wyth a certain rednesse: it signifieth an angry man, almoste mad with anger. And it be very red, mired with palenes or swartnesse like leade: it sheweth an vnconstant, vnshamfast, wauering, traitorous, and angry man, and delitinge to stir vp mischief, and sow discord. But if it be red in the part next the wreaste: it signifieth cruelty, and oftentimes it chaunceth to be forked in the vpper corner, which betokeneth an vnstable man, a runner aboute Countries, and marueilous in all hys doinges, the whyche if it be croked & writhen toward the medle natural line:

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it signifieth a craftye, disceitfull, wanton, and a manne of a peruerse and frowarde minde: and if you happen to finde in the hande of a woman, a crosse, wyth three small lines at the vpper corner of the line of life: it signifieth an vnshamefaste, and vnhoneste woman, but if that crosse be founde about the righte corner in the line it selfe, and be depe in: it signifieth an vngodly and mischeuous woman, whiche shal suffer greate punishement for her mischiefe. For such a crosse in that line, dothe alwaies betoke euel, bothe in man and woman. If that there be founde two lines in the ende of the rising of the thumbe, neare the line of life, as they wer lying on the one side: bi that token I iudge the mā to die shortly. And if ỳ line of life haue braūches stretched out towarde the medle natural, in forme as you see in the margente: it is a signe of riches, honor, and perfection. But if the said braunches run downward towarde the wrest in this maner, it signifieth pouerty & domage by housholde seruāts, through their vntruth: & if the said braun-

braunches do passe strait thorow the triangle to the medle natural: it signifieth a man, after diuerse and sondrye daungers and chaũges of fortune, to come to prosperity and riches. Poreouer, manye smal lines deuiding the line of life, betokeneth much sicknes: furder, if ther be in the line of life certain points or graines scattering: it declareth a man vnshamefast, a fornicator, and in ieopardy of hys life for murder in a tumult, whereof he was auctor him selfe, and shalbe diuerse times sore wounded. 23

When in the beginninge of the lyne of lyfe be thre smal croked lines, deuidinge it in this maner: it is a tokẽ of a leprosy to come, for it doth declare the ill disposition of the liuer: whereupon this whych is already said maye be gathered, that if the line of life be long, and depe wel coloured, hauinge a good proportion wyth the medle natural line, and the line of the liuer or stomacke, and that they two be of due quantity and lengthe, and wel coloured: it is a good signe of longe life, good nature, wit, disposition, and com- 14

plexion. And oftentimes there be founde in the lyne of life one ☉ or ☉ ☉ of these notes, which do signify the lolle ether of one or bothe eyes, the whiche although they be seldome found, yet in my selfe I haue had the experience, for in the same place of my hand is the same marke, the which whē I saw, I cald to remēbrance in what daunger I was of one of my eyes, for sitting by the fire in winter, I fel therein, and tumblinge in the flame with my left eye, I was vehemētly tormented. Albeit I find that not only that did prognosticate that euel vnto me, but also the opposition of Mars, & the Moone in my natiuity. For I fynde at the tyme of my birth, Mars to be in the eleuenthe house in a manlye signe, and the Mone likewise in the fifthe house, whyche constellatiō, is obserued of the Astronomers to signifye some suche thynge. And in so muche as I haue found this true, it doth so much the more verify that whyche I sayd afore, that these Artes were ioyned together, as it were by a certaine alyaunce, or affinitie, and that thone wythout

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In the other partes, she hathe not so done. For she hath set in the hand of mã certain signes and tokens of the hearte, braine, and Liuer, because that in them the life of man doth chiefly consiste. But she hathe not likewise done of the eyes, eares, mouthe, handes, and feete, for because those partes and members of the body, seme rather to be made for a comelinesse or beautye to the boodye, then for anye necessitye. Therefore all handes haue the three lynes aforesayde, but the other incisions or lynes manye do wante or lacke. Husbandmen beinge

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all labour. Wherefore, sithens these two
sciences nede such a mutual help, one of
the other: I wil declare vnto you oute of
Astrologye, the nature of the Erraticall
signes, whiche the Grekes cal Planets.
Saturnus maketh sad, circumspect, cou-
tous, slow, and litle speakers, and self lo-
uers. Iupiter causeth pleasaunt, liberal,
quiet, sobre, and eloquent persons. Con-
trariwyse, Mars causeth cruel, fiers, and
liers. The Sonne maketh godly, wittye,
happy, or fortunate, and coragious men.
Venus causeth incontinent, libidinouse,
comely & faire. Mercury causeth subtile,
craftye, learned in sciences, and nimble
men. The Mone maketh quicke witted,
and comly, but vnstable and slow. Now
I haue spoken of the diuersitie of disposi-
tions and wits: I wil also shewe some-
what of voyce and speche, wherby the di-
uers effectes and workinge of the Pla-
nettes amongest them selues, maye the
better be vnderstand and knowen. Satur-
nus doth cause a slow and sertking voyce
or speche. Mars a crashing voyce, like the

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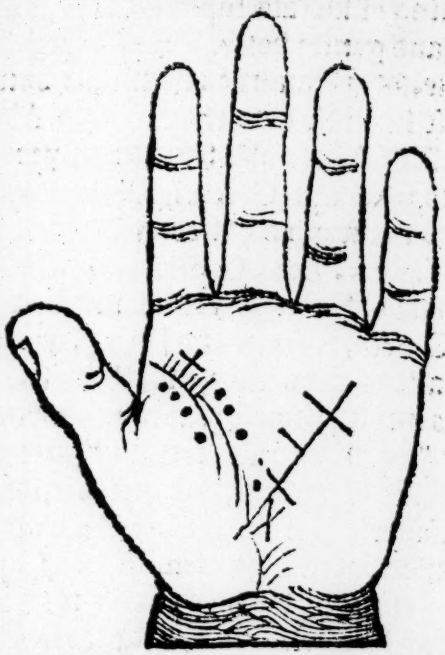
breaking of metals. Iupiter, a shrill, sounding, and gentle voice. Venus maketh a weake, soft, pleasant, & effeminate voice. And so likewise doth the Sunne, & Mercury. The signes also haue their proper voices, for Virgo, Gemini, Libra, Aquarius, do make good voices or soundes, Aries, Taurus, Leo, Capricorne, and the last part of Sagittary, cause meane voyces. Cancer, Scorpio and Pisces, are eyther altogither dombe, & wythout sound: or els minister som great impediment in ỹ speche. Ther be also certain signes, called fertile because they do increase, which are Cancer, Scorpio or Pisces. And others be called barrain, as Gemini, Leo, Capricorne So that what so euer a man can do, may be applied to the signes, as furderers of the same. The which thing in that it cannot be denied, so muche the more are they to be counted slaunderers, which esteme & repoꝛt Astrologye not as deuine, but as a vaine friuolous arte, or knowledge, whõe in their places we wil set forth with their colours. But nowe to returne to our purpose.



If you find a crosse in this sort about the vpper corner, procedinge oute of the line of life, and on the nether side, three smal lines, and on thupper side two, as
16. you may se by this figure, it signifieth a libidinouse and an vnchamfast woman. But if the thre lines be found in the nether ende of the line of lyfe towarde the wrest,

wrest, it betokeneth that the womā shal suffer greuous punishment for som mischief, or euel doing.

When that certain smal lines do deuide or touche the line of life in the vpper ende, in forme prescribed: it dothe declare the infirmitie and sicknesse of the 17

body. But if on thother part of ỹ medle natural line, there be inclosions in thys manner, lynge as it were directly from the nether parte of the line, and rislnge vpwarde: it betokeneth euel: as paine in the heade, whiche commeth of exhalations of the stomacke, or some suche other disease. And those thre lines on thend of that line, do betoken euel, as shal appere hereafter.

¶ The third Chaptre of the medle natural line.

The line whiche beginneth at the roote of the line of life, and passeth through the Palme of the hande, toward the hil of the Moone, or pommel of the hande: is properlye called the medle natural line. The which if it be strait, and vndeuided with anys smal ouerthwart lines, it sheweth good helth a sound brain, a quick and liuell wit, and also a good memory. If it be long, stretched out to the hil of the Moone, it dothe declare a stoute stomacke and longe life: which if it be shorte, that it passe not the holow-

holowneſſe of the hande, it betokeneth a fearful, couetous, vnwiſe, and vnfaithful man: and if the ſaide line do not ſtretche out to the hil of the Mone, but ende euer againſt the ſpace, whiche is betwene the middle finger, and the ring finger: it betokeneth a man of il maners, & that ſhal not liue long. Then if the ſame line run out beyond the hil of the Mone, & turne in again in ſome of a halfe compaſſe: the farther it ſtretcheth, the longer life it betokeneth, but in age pouertye. But if the ſame line at thupper end do riſe toward the fingers, it ſignifieth an vnſhamefaſt and malicious man: the whiche if it ryſe very much toward ỳ fingers, it doth declare him to be very foliſhe, and vnwiſe. Contrariwiſe, if it turne downward almoſt to the palme of the hand, it is a token of a couetous & vncleane man. On the other part, if it turne vpward, touche ỳ table line: it ſignifieth ſom great loſſe, and aduerſe or euel fortune: and if the ſame line be wrythen, vnequal, and of diuers coulours: it is a token of an il diſpoſed mind, and oftentimes of theft. The 29.

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line being straite, equal, and bryghte coloured: betokeneth a good conscience, and iustice. But when the medle natural line is brode and grosse, wyth a certayne redneſſe intermedled: it signifieth a rude disposition and lacke of wit. And if it be nether to straight, nor to large, and wel coloured: it betokeneth a mery, chereful, and a fortunate man, but if it be subtile and slender, swarte, or pale: it declareth weaknes of the braine, and vapores rising from the stomacke into the heade. And if the line appere grosse, & very depe & hath a certaine smal line nere to it, red coloured: it sheweth an angry and furyous man. Again if it haue certain knotty spaces in this maner o, so many knots as there be, it doth declare so many murders, ether al redy cõmitted, or hereafter to be don. The which knottes if they be not fullye closed or shut, they are a tokē of a great quareller, whiche shal beate & wounde, but not kil outrighte. If there be in the same line certain grosse pricks, or pointes: it sheweth an vnmanerly, foolish, and vnpleasant manne, the whyche

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neth a very cruel and fierce man. If the
same line be croked, makyng halfe a cir-
cle, with a certaine obscure or darke co-
loure: it signifieth daunger by foure fo-
ted beast, or els to be slain of a wild beast.
And oftentimes, nye the same line there
be two smal lines ioyned together (as in
the figure of the hande folowynge you
shal see) which signifie wounds, but not
wyth weapon. Moreouer, if there be a
crosse in the same line, ouer againste the
middle Finger: it betokeneth that the
man shal dye within a yere. If any man
haue this line forked towarde the wrest,
with smal diuisions: he semeth to
set al his minde on mischiefe,
and neither to feare God
nor man.

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bed with the medle natural line, begin-
ning at the rote of the line of life, & pas-
sing directly throughe the middest of the
hand, withoute any incisions: signifieth
24. the good state of the body, and healthe of
the braine. And when it maketh a sharp
corner, wyth the line of life: it declareth a
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quicknes of memory, and brightnes of minde. But if it be (as is reherſed in the cannon before) vnequal, not ſtreatching paſt the pit or caue of the hand: it betoke neth a fearful, couetous, and forgetful perſone. 25.

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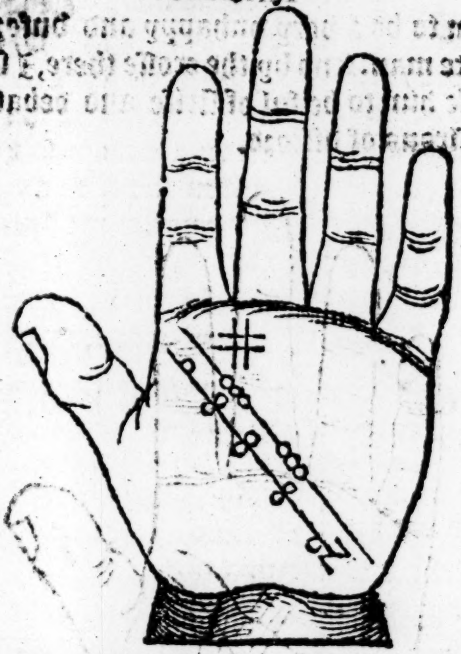
27. with a certain obscure coloure: it threatneth hurte by beastes, and oftentymes death. But if at the end of thys lyne on eche side do appeare two small lines: it signifieth woundes by Weapons. If there appeare ouer againste the middle finger a little Crosse deuided wyth smal lines, it doth demonstrate the weakenes of the bodye, and brittle of lyfe: and so muche the rather if the square or quadrangle be lackynge in the hande.



If the hand before portured, haue in the medle natural lyne certayne pale knottes: howe manye knottes there be, so many murders it dothe declare alredy committed: if they be red, they do pronounce the persone to be hereafter bothe a murderer and these. If there be croked incisiōs in the said natural line: I iudge

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him to be a very vnhappy and vnfortunate man. And by the crosse there, I suppose him to be ful of strife and debate, & desirous of discord.

When this medie naturall line stretcheth to the Table line, and is croked in the ende in forme prescribed: it declareth a noughty euil tonged man, a sheader of blud,

blonde, and shal often be in daunger for the same, and at the length peraduēture suffer condign punishment. If the same line haue prini incisions: it doth denoūce a proud, babling, and angri man. But if there be a crosse in thupper corner, right against the rising or hil of the thombe: it sheweth an honest man, and apt and disposed to al kind of goodnes, and so likewise on the contrary.

¶ The fourth Chapter of the Table line.

THis line is called the Table line, because it maketh the fashion of a Table in the hand, for so we do cal the space remainynge betwene it and the medle natural line. It is also called the quadrāgle or square line, because that with the middle natural line, it maketh almost a quadrangle or square. If this line be equal, lōg inough, depe and strait: it is a token of a good nature and strength of the principal members of man, of modesty, temperaunce, and a constant mind in al good works. If it stretch past

the midst of the hil of the forefinger, and touch ỳ hil of Iupiter: it is a sign of vehement anger & cruelti, being red aboue, is a signe of a promoter, & enuying an other mans felicitie or welfare. And haynge braunches rising straite to the finger of Iupiter: it doth promesse promotion, encrease of riches: and that being poore, shal come by little and little to honoure and worship. But if the line be naked without ani braunches stretching toward the roote of the forefinger: it betokeneth an vnfortunate and poore man. If it haue in the end three smal lines or braunches about the hyl of Iupiter, runnynge straite forth to the vpper corner: it signifieth a fortunate, liberal, mery, modest, and noble manne, whiche deliteth in all kind of comely and cleanlye apparel, and swete smelles and sauoures. In whose byrthe who doth consider the Horoscope, (whether he finde Taurus or Libra, whome Venus dothe rule: or Sagittarius & Pisces, vpon whome Iupiter hathe dominion: or what planet els there be) shal easily perceiue and finde the cause and reason of

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ter: it signifieth a gouernor of housholde: and promotiõ or rule ouer his brethren, kindred, and equalles. If it hathe incisions ouer againste the middle finger: it betokeneth a flatterer, and a double tonged manne, whome fewe men shal loue. If a line comming directli from the quadrangle to the hil of Saturne, deuiding ỹ Table line, do make a little crosse there: it threatneth violent death. For as thys line is a token of great felicitie and good fortune, if it passe by the hil of the middle finger, and stretch beyond the hil of the forefinger: so likewise, not touching the middle finger, and ending vnder the hil therof, is a signe of extreme pouerti, and manye calamities and daungers. Then this line hauinge anye interruptions or incisions lynge scattered, it signifieth a folishe, and an vnconstante man, whose study or desire is to be in contẽtion with women, as now to loue, nowe to hate, & oftentimes to chide and fight with thẽ. And this line being depe, subtile, & pale, at the end aforesaid: declareth an honest chaste man, but weake, & much troubled

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with sickneſſe and diſeaſes. But it is an ill ſigne, and ſpecially in a woman, whē the line beginning at the middle natural, going to the hil of the middle finger, doth both deuide the table, and the table line, and is forked in the ende. And that woman whiche hathe a line commynge from the line of life, to the hil aforeſayd: it ſignifieth that woman to haue killed her owne childe. The whyche line if it turne backeward to the hil of Iupiter: it betokeneth that woman ſhal haue great inheritaunce, if that line be redder then the other: it betokeneth pain in the bowels, & knawing about the nauel. Againe, if that line be double, cutting the Table line: it ſheweth that the man ſhal dye a miſerable death. For bothe in man and woman, it is a tokē of an il end. And often the Table line toward the hil of Saturne or Iupiter, is ſeene forked: whyche doth note the man ſhal ſuffer many wery labours and trauailes in his life, the whiche the redder it is, it ſheweth him ȳ more inclined to anger. When there appeareth in the ſame line, certayne ſmall

lynes ryſinge one by another: the more there be, the more honorable thei declare him to be, & to haue the greater power and rule. But in whose hande there is no Table line at al, I coniecture them to be of both kinds, il willing, contentious, angry, vnfaithful, vnconstant, & ready to al mischief. More ouer, if there appeare a line, cõming from the table line towarde the little finger, it is obserued, that man neither to be good nor fortunate: but couetous, angry, and horribly sad, and also filthie, enuious, and a companyon of mischief, if there apere any lines red, betwene the Table line, & the eare finger: it betokeneth so many mariages as they be in nomber, but if they be croked and pale, they be already past. Again, if there be found vnder the rote of the table line certaine croked crosses, so many as there be, so many deadly ennemies they do betoken. When that a line comming from the table to the hil of Saturne, deuide the table line, and make a crosse on the ende therof: it is saide to be a token of a violente death. And certaine wise menne in

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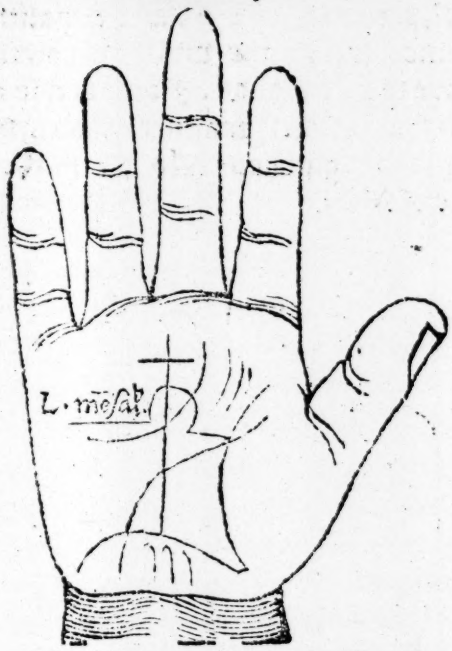
this science saye, that if there be smal incisions about the vpper ende of the same line, it betokeneth sickneſſe in youthe. If they be in the middeſt, in middle age: if at the other ende, in age: and if the same lines runne downeward, the diſeaſe shal be of choloze, if they aſcende, of fleume: if they riſe out of the midſt vpward, it shal be of blonde: and if contrarywiſe they turne downeward, it shall be of Melancholye, after as hys coloure is bryghte or darcke. Here is to be vnderſtande, that Cancer, Scorpio, and Piſces, do rule the ſault fleume, and Saturne cauſeth al diſeaſes that come of a diſcouſe or ſlimye fleume, as the morphew, leproſy, canker and gout. Taurus, Virgo, and Capricorn, are of like nature, colde, and drye, and rule the Melancoly. And therfore Venus dothe cauſe colde and moiſte diſeaſes in the throte and priuy membres. Likewiſe the Moone cauſeth the dropſye, fallynge ſickenes, and Appoplexi. Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius, haue dominion of the Choler & agues, and biles, which come of blond. Likewyſe Mars dothe rule hotte Agues,

frensies, and the worme in the head: vnto Iupiter we attribute the cōbust bloud, vnto Mercury is applied the diseases of the minde, bitter, and heauy thoughtes, & troubled conscience. The Sonne bryngeth hote & drye diseases. Al whych thinges shal appeare more plaine hereafter, wher the nature of the planets & signes shalbe spoken of, wherfore note alwayes that the rednesse of the lines or incisions come of the heat of Mars. Therfore in al the iudgements of this Manuel diuination, I wil you to haue respect to the nature of the Planets and signes, wherein the Sunne was the time of natiuitye or byrth. And so likewise the Phisiognomy must be taken hede of, and by that meane the wise iudge shal get both profit and prayse.

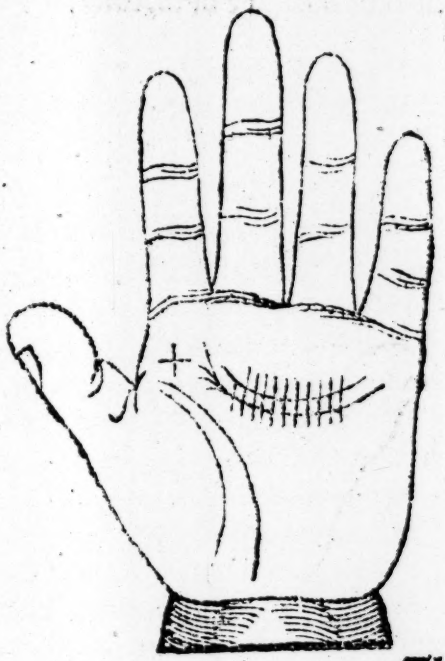


If there be founde in the line of fortune (called also the line of prosperitye) thre smal braunches and be joyned with the line of life, and therwith deuide the wreall: it betokeneth a good and quicke witte, but if it joyne to those lynes, as it is here discribed, with a certayne wrythinge or crokednesse: it signifieth an euel,

euel, peruerse, wicked, and a malitious slaunderer, and one whiche coueteth alwaye to shed bloude. For when so euer you shal see these manner of lines, strait remember and haue recourse to the nature of Mars.

The Table line thus disposed that it begin and ende in his due places, do declare

clare the good ſtate of the body, & ſtrēgth of the members of generation. But contrariwiſe, if there be no table line at all, or that it be without braunches, ſhort & groſſe, ſtretching out beyōd the hil of the forfinger: it ſignifieth a miſchevous perſone, and hearde of learninge or vnderſtandinge.



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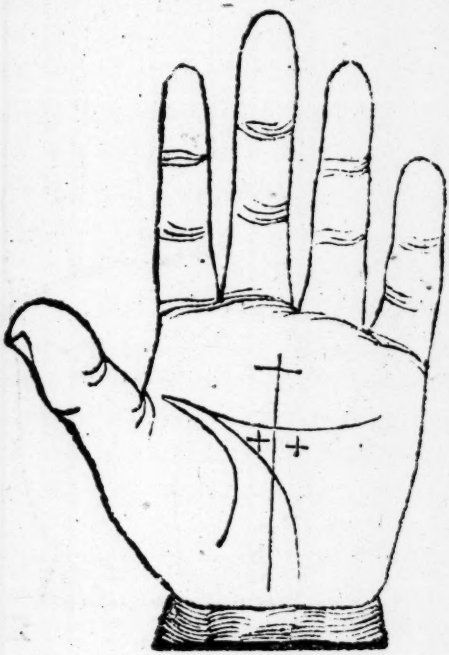

If that the table line be lacking in the hand of man or woman: it is a very euil sign. For it sheweth a man prompt to al mischif, which also shal die an euil death. There must also be respect to the lines aboute the hil of Mercury, for there is the signes of mariage, and the iudgemēt of such thinges as pertaine to the Planet of Mercury.

Againe, if the Table line do thoroughlye touche the natural line, that it make a sharpe angle as you maye see: it betokeneth ill, for so many perils shal hange ouer his heade, that he maye iustelye repent that euer he was borne. But if the natural line be lackinge, and the Table line touch the line of the heart (except I be vtterlye deceiued) that man shall lose his head, or dye some yll death. When a certaine line (as here you may see) dothe deuide the Table line, and make a smal crosse in the vpper ende: it dothe betoken a violent death. The which line, if it rise straite vpright in the hand of a woman, and deuide the table line: it is an euil token, for the whyche seke the Cannon or rule afore. If ther be a smal crosse in the end of the Table line: it betokeneth spirituall dignities, and the rather, if ther be two crosses (as I haue often proued:) it signifieth ecclesiastical promotions.

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¶ The fifthe Chaptre of the wrest.

The space which as is aforsaid appering in the toyning of ẏ hand to the arme, is called the wreaste, the whiche if it be pure, and of a good liuely colour: it declareth the good estate of the body, and cõtrariwise the euil. And note, that for the most part there be two lines which as it were deuide ẏ hand frõ the arme. If there be two lines, then if that next the hande be equal, straite, and wel coloured, stretching vpward: it promiseth riches, yea, although he be verye pore, it promiseth encrease and felicitie, and so much the rather, if there be straite braũches and not ouerthwart. If that a line rising at the rote of the arm, do run vp to the rote of the middle finger: it signifieth good successe and prosperous fortune. But if ther be in the space or toyne foure equal lines wel toyned, deuidynge the arme ouerthwart, beholde great honor and dignitie, succession, and heritage of thy kinred. And if there be founde in the

the rote of the arme, neare the hil of the thombe, nigh the line of life (if it descend so lowe) thre lines or starres or more: it signifieth that persone to be accused and betraied by women, and to suffre slaunder by thē. Further, if a line beginninge in the midle of the wrest, go towarde the hil of the Mone: it doth pronosticate many stormes and troubles of fortune, and priuye enmitie and hatred. The whyche line if it be croked & vnequal: it is a token of continual bondage, and that that person shal neuer come to promotiō nor riches. If there be many lines scatred in the wrest, & rise to the hil of the Thomb: he that hath that signe, is in daunger to be afflicted, wounded, spoyled, or caste in prison by his kinred, or by those whō he most loued. If there begin certaine lines in the arme, and deuide the wreaste, and ioyne together in the vpper parte: that man without doubte, shal die in exile or banishment. The which lines if they do not fully close, but be somwhat distant a sonder: he shal end his life amongste forrein nations, far from his own country.

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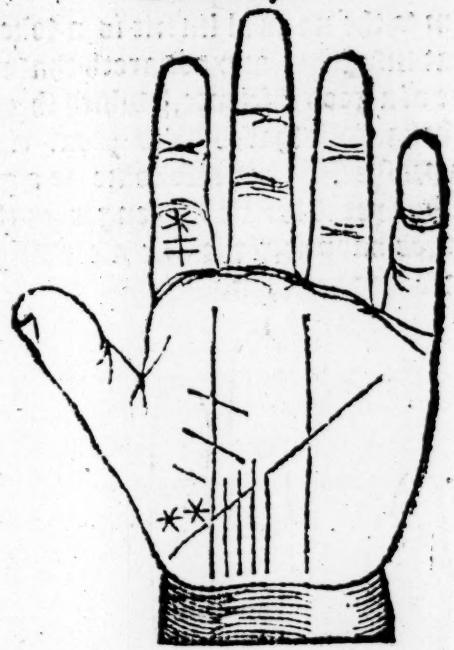
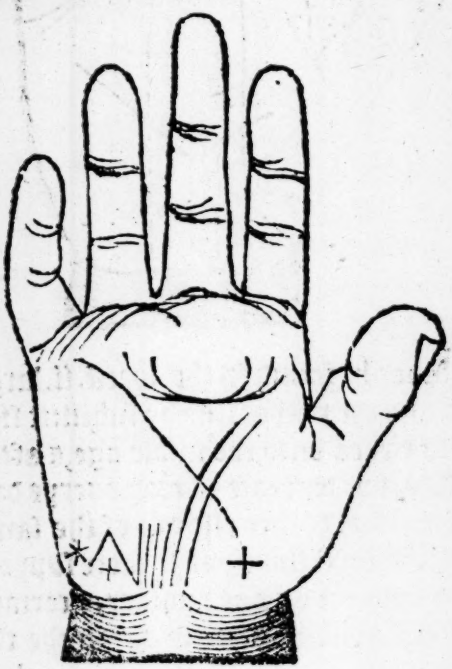
The same lines tending to the pomel of the hand, do shewe long nauigations and iourneis by sea, & an vnstable life to be spent in such sea peregrinations. Further, if there go a line directlye from the wrest, to the hil of the forefinger: it signifieth a longe iourney, and a difficult or doubtful returne. Also, if there rise a line at the wrest, and runne into the caue of the hande, and be very redde: it declareth the weakenes and diseases of the bodye to come. But if it be pale: they be al readye past, & no more to be feared. If there be found in the hande of a woman a triangle, tending from the wrest to the hyl of the Mone: it sheweth her to haue bene corrupt, defiled, and defloured in her first youth and floure of her age. Moreouer, if there be about the wrest of a woman a little Crosse: I iudge her thereby bothe honest, wise, and chast. Behold the signs of the good estate of the bodye, when the space in the wrest nert the hand, and the other nert the ioynte of the arm, be both of good and liuely colour, hauing ỹ four incisiõs aforesaid: it betokeneth al good-

nes. Againe, howe hateful are the three starres, whiche threaten daunger by accusation and slaunder. Marke also ỹ line going from the west to the pomel of the hand, how manifest an argument of infelicitie and euil fortune it is. Then that comming from the west to the hil of Iupiter, how it signifieth a forraine, and far distant life to be led. Another rising vpright, doth promisse riches and fauorable fortune. Moreouer, the signes which are in the hil of Iupiter: betokē riches, honor, & dignitie. Also four lines almost cōpassing the arm) as you may se in the hand following,) are tokens of longe lyfe, and certaine lines going from the rote of the arme, making a sharpe angle or corner, and a smal Crosse by them: do promysse greate quietnesse of life, and to passe his time merily with promotion. But if the crosse be away: it doth onli promisse succession and heritage of manye. If the crosse or certaine litle starres be there: that man shal lacke nothing necessary to his life.



If ther be found in the wreſt. ii. large lines, and the nether line be ſubtil: it ſignifieth riches vnto the midle age, & after worſhip, but decreaſe & decay euerye day more & more. If ther riſe out of the ſame lines two ſmal lines, as it were ſupporting & holding vp one another, & certain other lines riſe vp directly throughe the

palm to the natural line: it is a token of great integritie, and declareth that man to be of a good cõscience, ỹ which through his behauiour shal come to great riches and prosperitie, and also come to a good end: but yet it will be the lenger or these thinges happen, if the line ascending be croked and writhen.



If that.ii. lines beginning at ỹ wryst, do rise through the Palme to the hil of ỹ Sunne or ring finger, and the same hil be deuided with two lines ouerthwarte: it signifieth a compasser or doer of greate thinges, which shal haue rule & auctoritie in kinges businesse and affaires, and therby get both great honor and riches.

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a triãgle, And the ſpace incloſed within thoſe lines, is deuided into thre parts or corners: wherof the firſte is made by the line of life, and the natural line, and is called the vpper angle. Thother which is formed bi the line of life, and the vtter part of the Triangle: is called the ſiniſter or lifte angle. The Triangle beyng of equal angles, hauing lines faire, wel coloured, and ſtraite: dothe repreſent the good qualitie of nature, and of the bodie, with healthe and ſecuritye of the minde, with fame and renoume, and alſo longe lyfe. And contrariwyſe, the lines being darke, vnequal, not making a plaine Triangle: doth declare the contrary. Further, if the ſpace of the Triangle be wide and brode, it doth argue a ſtout, liberal, and bold ſtomack. Again, if it be ſtraite and ſhort, it betokneth nigardy, couetouſnes, and fearfulneſſe. If the plain within be pale, declinig to ſwarthneſſe: it ſignifieth an angrye and diſceitful perſone. Alſo, if it be cut and deuided with many wrinkles: it ſheweth the ill diſpoſition of the body. Moreouer, the vp-

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per angle is closed by the line of life, and the naturall line the manner of wales: firste of all, if it close in the caue of the hand ouer against the valley: betwene ỹ forefinger & the middle finger: we iudge thereby a miserable life, endaungered w calamities & captiuitie, and a mind ful of anxietie and care, and oftentimes as it were drowned and ouercome, and specially for the desire of mony. Secondly, if it be wel closed with a sharp corner vnder the midst of the hil of the forefinger, it declareth a good nature, a quick wit, and good disposition, happy and prosperous successe, with integritie of maners. And all these thinges are so muche the perfecter if the angle be wel and sharply closed. Thirdly: the lines not ioyning together, but hauing a certaine space lefte betwene: is an argument of an ambitious man, a selfe louer, vnpure, and vnmannerly, a slaunderer, and cruel, a lier, & liuing without praise or good name. The whiche man if he happen to come in captiuitie or bondage: he shall neuer recouer againe his libertie. And if he be

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tre, yet he shal die miserablie. The space within the triangle roughe and hard: is a signe of anger, and crafte, and subtilitie, if it be roughe with wrinkles: it signifieth enuy, hatred, & slaunders. When there doth appere a certain line betwene the two lines so nere, that it touch either of the: it signifieth that man shal either be poisoned, or haue some mortal wound. When there appeare in the vpper space foure lines deuydinge one another lyke crosses: it sheweth enuye, backebitinge, wyth studye and desyre to oppresse others. For the two lines ioyning sharply together, dothe declare the goodnesse of the hole bodye, but if they ende in the caue or pitte of the hande precisely ouer againste the finger of Saturne, makynge an angle: it betokeneth bloudsheadynge diuerse and sondry wayes: as woundes of the head, flure of the belly, and if thys signe be in women it signifieth the incessant flure of the menstrue, and daunger in childbearinge. If there be in the Triangle a figure lyke a starre: it sheweth an aduoutrous woman, & past shame

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and furious, which throughe her irrecremable anger, shal fal into suche a frensye and madnesse of mynde, that she shal cotch and go about to cut her own throte. When so euer you perceiue in the hand of a woman in the place aforesaid, a certaine starre puttinge forthe a long rule: iudge that womã to haue four husbãds. If in the same space ther be a crosse without any incision: it betokeneth good both in man and woman. For in those which haue that signe, it betokeneth a lyfe wel passed, and to ende with good name and fame. The right angle being veri sharp, doth shewe a circumspect, witty, and sparinge man: the same beinge obscure and grosse: is a signe of rudenesse, slouth, and much geuẽ to slepe. The left angle sharp, betokeneth a babler and crafty mã: notwithstanding witty and paineful: but if the vpper corner be not sharpe, and hauinge as it were the caracter of Saturne: it is a token of an euel and plaine Saturnine nature. And be whose Fingers are so set, that there be in euery ioynte as it were certaine spaces or risinges croked

€ vnequal: it betokeneth him to become very poꝛe, and to liue miſerably. If there be in the vpper part that is in the thyꝛde ioynt, an euidēt wꝛithing oꝛ crokednes: it is a ſigne of enuy, diſceite, malice, and altogether of aneuel diſpoſed mind, whi-che man alſo ſhal lead a life ful of miſe-ry and calamitie.

The Triangle bothe in the hande of man and woman, dothe signifye muche goodnesse. But if there be founde in the hande of a woman within the triangle, the similitude of a starre: it betokeneth an vnchaste woman, and geuen ouer to the lustes of the flesshe. Also, in a manne it is a signe of euil. Further, if there be in the hande of a manne aboute the righte angle, an expresse playne starre: it dothe plainly declare an vntrusty, troublesome disceitful, and slaunderous persone: Also a thiefe and robber, doing al thyng be it righte or wronge, by violence, inclined & also instructed in al euil, who at the length shal dye an euil death. Smal braunches in the beginning of the line of life, or Table line: doth betoken aboundāce and encrease of houshold.

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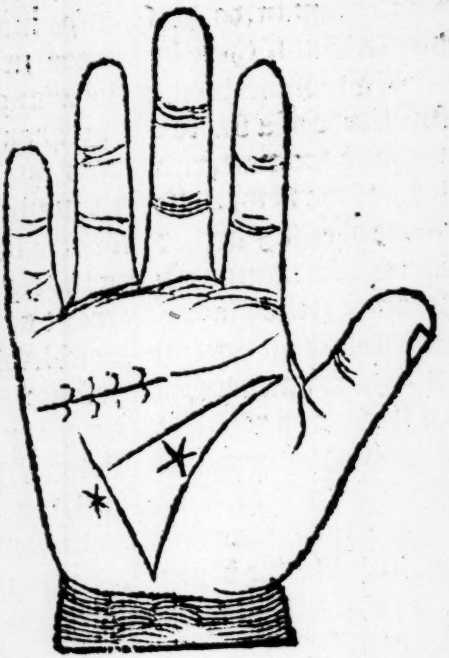

If a starre hauinge a longe stalke or braunch going from it, be founde in the hande of a woman: it dothe declare that she shal haue many husbandes, as often as the two lines of the vpper corner be distant a sonder with a space betwene them, it is an euil signe. Also, foure lines deuidinge them selues in the vpper cor-

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ner in maner of a crosse: do demonstrate an enuious detractor, and a man of euel fame and name. Thē a figure as it were the caracter of Saturne, do the pronounce an euel end: the table line also fashioned as you may se, do the betoken an infortunate man, and genē to the bellye, if there be the figure of a forke either vpward or downward in the said triangle: it sheweth an inconstant and libidinous man.

¶ The seuenthe Chaptre of the Quadrangle.

THe Quadrangle is called that space which is betwene the line table, & the middle natural. Then if the incisions of this quadrangle be of a bright and liuell coulour, it doth promisse the equitie and vprightnesse of lyfe: and contrariwise, it doth declare a wicked and naughty mā. The same space, ample, & large: betokeneth liberalitie and stoutnes of stomack. A crosse also in the same place of ỹ hand, signifieth good successe in Ecclesiastical ministrations, and is so muche the more fortu-

fortunate, if the figure be doubled or tripled like vnto a Lattise: but if the same crosse be croked or vndeuided with ouerthwart incisions, it doth pronosticate the contrary to al that is aforesaide. More ouer, an euident starre in the same place, dothe demonstrate a stoute manne, vpryghte, true, and of a good conscience. The whiche manne althoughe through aduersitie and misfortune he fal into pouertie, yet he shal rise again by hys own vertue and goodnes: Yet notwithstanding, it sheweth him to be a feminine man, which also shal suffre some aduersitie, trouble and slaunder for women.

Oftentimes also the hole table is lacking: then if the table line ioyn with the natural line, and beginne a triangle: it sheweth that man to be in daũger to be slaine by many that shal lye in wait for him. But if in the end of the table about the pommel of the hande there be a manifest crosse: iudge therby many perigri-

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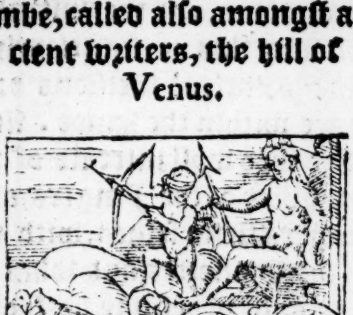
nations, long iourneis, and often chaun ging of place, but thereby good fortune. When the two lynes whyche make the table be far distante, with a greate space betwene them: it is a token of superfluous heate, and vntemperate humoures in the body. Contrariwise, the playne or Table of the hande beinge narrow and straite: betokeneth a couetous man, carefull to get goodes, and therwithal deadlye cruel. And this is sufficientlye spoken of the principal incisions or lynes whiche are within the hande. And consequentlye wee wyll intreate of the rysinges or hilles of the Fingers, and also of the fingers them selues, with the stations of the Planettes, and what so euer els shal remain needful to be spoken of.

You haue heard before declared what these characters, lines, & crosses in the table of the hand, do signifie and for the w. The star also in the midst of the Table, doth shew a louer, and mainteyner of al honestie & goodnesse, and therfore had in reuerence, & aspiringe to great dignitie. And let this be a general rule, for al those

whose handes do quiuer and shake by nature, (for vnto many it happeneth by chaunce, and to other some by sickneſſe and diſeaſes,) to iudge them as angrye, scolders, and braulers, vncliene men, and dronkerds.

¶ The. viii. Chapter of the hilles of the fingers, and firſt of the hil of the thombe, called also amongſt auncient writers, the hill of Venus.



NOwe that there is ſufficientlye entreated of the principal lynes of the hande: we wyll also wryte of the particuler inciſiõs of the fingers, and of theyr hilles: layng before your eyes theyr ſignifications, with the natures of the ſeuen planets,

planets, wherby you may know what is agreable among them, and contrariwise what doth hurt. The rising or swelling of the flesh, beginning at the line of lyfe, descending strait to the wrest is called ỳ hil of the thõbe: it is also called the hyl of Venus, because it is soft and plain wyth very few or no wrinckles or incisions, & being ruddy and lineli coloured, it sheweth the good quality & estate of the body, also a louer of women, & one delityng in cleanly and fine apparel. But if ther appere in the same place a certaine shorte line going dowward by the line of life, (& therfore called the sister of the lyne of life:) it signifieth a man delityng in venerye. Notwithstandinge, the same lyne being long, not broken of, wholy accompanyng ỳ line of life thorow: dothe promisse continual richesse. But if it begin not in the vpper ende of the hyl, but peraduẽture in the midst, or not farre from the nether ende: it betokeneth lacke and penury in youth, but after aboundaunce & plenty. Often also there be foure lines equalli distant, comming from the top of

the hil to the weſt, whyche do promeſſe richeſſe and honoure euen in the fyrſte age, the which lines if they begin not at the very top, but at the toynt of the thōb they do promiſſe the ſame ſucceſſe, but lōger and latter to come to paſſe, euen in the extreme age. If the ſame foure lines do deuide the vpper toynt of the thombe a litle within the naile, or be very neare the ſame toynt, and be long, bright ſhining: they betokē preſent honour and riches. And alſo rule and dominion if the ſame foure lines be deuided or cut, with other ſmal lines going ouerthwart. Many times there is a ſubtile inciſiō beginning at the top of the hil of the thombe, going toward the line of life: which ſignifieth that man ſhal die by ſome ſtroke of weapon. Alſo, many bryghte lines ryſinge ouer againſte the forefinger, and deuidinge the line of life, are tokens of manye perigrinations and longe iourneis into diuers places. The ſame lines deuiding the line of life in ỹ vpper parte or beginninge: ſheweth a boaſter and an ambitious manne, riotous, and bene-

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rous. In some also a red line wandryng vp and downe the hil of the thombe: betokeneth incest, and carnall company with his kinred. Albeit, I wold not haue suche credite geuen to this science, that this should straight be iudged true, the hande beinge loked vppon, for when we speake of accompanyng with kinred, we woulde haue it vnderstande that man to be so enflamed with fleshly lust and appetite, that there is but little hope that he wil abstaine from them. To the whiche thinge it behoueth muche to behold the face and hole bodye of the man, whyche dothe declare the state of lyfe to come. For they which be pleasaunt mannered, leading a merry and iocunde lyfe, beinge conuersaunte and reioysinge in playes and daunses, haue small starres in their hil, for thys is the whole studye of Venus: and suche menne haue theyr hil commonlye deuided with many small and bryghte incisions, whome if you do wel behold, you shal see his face wel coloured, his body decently cõpact, his eyes blacke and cleare, a pleasaunte counte-

naunce & honest gesture, and altogether venerous, and therfore wanton, riotous, lecherous, deliting in dise play, daũsing, and other pastimes, hauinge pleasure in flours, roses, and swete smels, costly apparel, desirous of golde and siluer, often laughing, conuersant amongst women, desirous and apt to learne al sciences of this sort and nature, and of a dul wit & vnderstanding to learn ani other thing. Also light of belief, easye to be deceiued, liberal, gentle, iust and faithful, deliting in musick, painted tables & pictures, & also desirous to learn to paint him self, hauing good fortune in al thinges of that sorte, in the contraries not so fortunate: Whose life shalbe pleasaunt with mean substance, not couetous of lucre & gaine, beloued of manye, geuen to al kynde of pleasure, not easilye moued wyth anger, not careful about hard & doutful busines, but content with his present estate, setting al anxiety & trouble of minde apart, & so liuing to his last end. For likewyse as in thys, so in al other is the nature of man to be considered, aswel by the habit

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and proporcion of the body, as by loking in the hand, wherfore that which is here expressed, let it be an example to be followed in al others. Further they which haue the hil of the thombe deuided with many smal wrinkles not equally distãt, but scattering and out of order, are to be counted fleshli, vnpure, froward, & brauling, delitinge to be in contention wyth women, burninge so much in luste that they be neuer satisfied but seke straunge and vnaccustomed kindes of vse like vnto monsters & beastes, howe be it they be of an vnpleasant conuersation & life, delityng in no kind of wisdõ or learning, nether profityng any thing at al therin, but very apt to learne al handye crafftes, and to deuise and inuente al thinges pertayning vnto riot. The cause of this I assigne to Venus beynge in the vi. or viii. house in the birth of such men. Whereby you may perceiue how Astrology, & Chiromanci do mutuallí embrase thone thother, so that one without thother cannot wel be vnderstand, as shalbe shewed hereafter more at large.

If there be about the firſt ioynt of the thombe a creſte like a ring going round about, and deuiding the Thombe: many do ſtiffly iudge and ſaye that that manne ſhalbe hanged. The whiche thyng I haue proued true in one man, but becauſe I haue ſene many hanged which haue lacked that marke, I leaue it as uncertain. Alſo three or foure inciſions in breadthe vnder the fyrſt ioynt: betokeneth richeſſe and honor in youth, if they be aboue that ioynte, it ſhalbe in the middle age, but if the ſame inciſions be neare the ſeconde ioynt: it ſignifieth the ſame effecte, but

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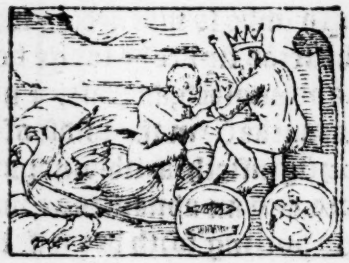
in the extreme or last age. If any womã haue her thombe so marked (as is described in the secõd figure) I iudge her to be eschued and auoided, as crafty & naughty. Also this marke ⊙ in the midst of the hil of Venus: signifieth a libidinous, euell mannered, and an aduoutrous woman, willingly putting forth her self to horedome and vice, wonderful vntemperate, and vnsaciable in copulation. Furder, what maried woman hathe three lines somwhat vnequally distãt, deuiding the first ioynt of the thombe: it sheweth her to be in daunger either of death, or of a wicõd by her owne husband. More ouer, many smal crosses vnder the secõd ioynt, declareth a very holy woman, geuen to religion. Againe, onlye two of those markes dothe signifye an vnfaythfull babbler, and a woman ful of strife & discord. Also manye smal braunches in the same place dothe betoken a wanton woman, and one sone ripe.

¶ The. ix. Chaptre of the hil of the forefinger, and of the finger, with the nature of the Iouialles.



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And those men hauing those marks, are chiefly called Iouiais, or of the nature of Iupiter, hauing for the moste parte good succesſe in all affayres of that sorte or kynde, who for the mooste parte are of a meane ſtature, and pleaſaunte forme or ſhape, whitelye coloured, thicke heered, comely eyed, geuen to cleanlines & mirth. They be naturally ſtoute ſtomaked, and hie mineded, hauing to do in greate and waighty affaires, liberal oftentimes aboue their abilitie, coueting to rule and haue dominion ouer other, deſpiſers of al mediocrite and meane eſtate, honeſt, noble, couetous of glory and renowne, ambitious, pleaſant and mery, faithful and frendly, abhorring al fraud, and diſceit, peaceable, apt and inclined to al learening and wiſedome, politique and eloquente. The walking or going is mean nether faſt nor ſlow, betokening a great conſtancy of minde. No men more fortunate then they, or that ſoner obtein their deſires. For the moſt part alwais in fauour with princes or great men, louing dearly their wife and children. Alſo proſperous

perous & happi in succession & posteritie. Moze ouer, they bee greate eaters, and therefoze often diseased wyth the rawenesse of the stomack oz liuer, oz els longe liued, hauinge a cleare and shzill voyce, & the fozmost two vpper teethe stickinge oute. And thus muche of them on whose byzthe Iupiter is Lozd, without coniunction of anye euil with hym. Furthermoze, manye lines goynge ouerthwarte in the vpper ioynte of the fozefinger in the hand of a woman: do declare that she shal haue large inheritance bi the death of her frendes and kinred. The same in the middle ioynt, do signify enuy, lying, and diseit, which signes if they be in the hil of Iupiter, do minister suspicion of an angry, testy, vnmanerly and scolding woman.

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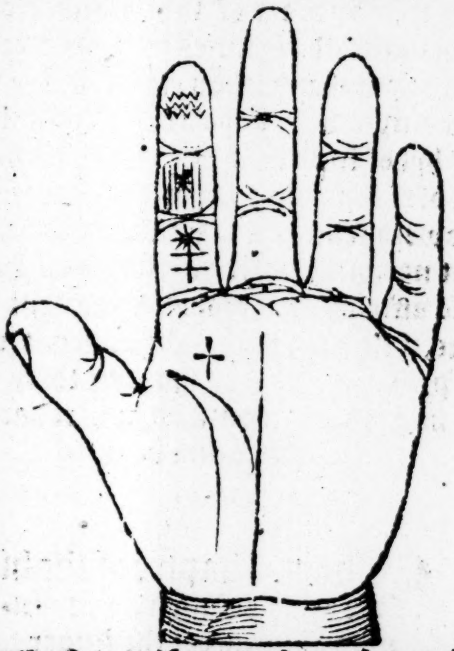
And thus haue I also found oute the number of childzen: If any woman haue in the middle ioynt thze bzight incisions running lengthwaies, wherof the middlemoſt is ſhozt and blunt at thone end, & an other bzight line going ouerthwart and two other darke lines which touche not the middle ſhozt line. Also wicked & naugh-

noughty women haue Starres wyth a halfe compasse in the hil of Iupiter.



The same also do declare thre croked lines almost equally distant wythin the vtter ioynt of the forefinger. Contrariwise, it is a token of honestie and chastitie, when the middle ioynte is deuided with many lines going in length, wyth

a ſtarre in the middeſt. Alſo it promiſeth great inheritance or riches to come (whether it be by order of inheritaunce, or of eccleſiaſticall dignities or promocyons) vnto hym that hathe a cleare ſtarre not interrupte with anye line or wrynkle in the hyl of Iupiter. A line going from the hil of the middle Finger to the weaſte: ſheweth fearful and weake harted men, but notwithſtandinge enuious. Some alſo affirme, that thoſe whiche haue that line, if they chaunce to be taken & caſte in priſon: either they ſhal dye there, or be grenouſli puniſhed, or veri hardlye eſcape and be deliuered.

¶ The. x. Chaptre of the hil of the middle finger, appropriat to Saturnus of the finger it ſelfe wyth the nature of the Saturnines.

The middle Finger of the hande as is afore∫aid in this ſcience, is attribute vnto Saturne, and called by hys name, & therfore the riſynge vnderneth it, is alſo called the hil of Saturne. The which hil if it be plaine and ſmeth without wrinkles or inciſiõs: it declareth a ſimple mã paineful, and without diſceite. If that a riuel cõming from the Table line do cut the hyl of Saturne: it ſignifieth a careful man, diſquieted and vered with dayly troubles and cares, alwayes ſtudyng and muſing on ſomthing, notwithſtanding ſeldome riche. Alſo many inciſions in the ſame place, do declare an heuy and penſiful life, ful of penurie and neceſſitie, priſonment, and tormentes. Likewiſe, a line bowyng from the rote of the ryng

finger to the hyll of Saturne, sheweth a slouthful and sluggish man, folyshe, and rashe, neuer doyng any thing wittelye, albeit sometime folishe, bolde, of a foliish and rude minde and vnderstandyng.

They saye also, that woman which hath moze lines betwene the Fingers of the Sunne and Saturne, then betwene the Sunne and Mercurye, there beinge some lines also: to be apt to generatiõ, and specially of men childzen. Of the whyche I dare pzomes nothing, foz as yet I coulde neuer finde no certaintie in Chiromancie touching the fozknowledge of anye childzen. Wherfoze in this poynte thys Arte, hath alwaies deceiued me, therfoze I must recourse vnto others. This also I know certain, that if anye small lines go from the pzincipal lines of the hãd to the hil of Saturne: they declare an euil disposition, and not a very honest life. It is also iudged a tokẽ of sterilitie and barrennes in a woman, to haue a crosse oz a starre in the first toynt of ẏ finger. And those whiche haue ẏ hil diuerslye deuided with riules, the other hil beynge smothe

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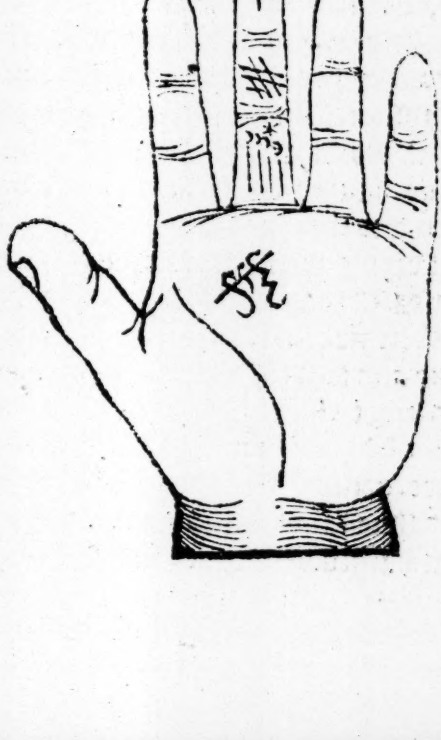
and plain, are to be iudged Saturnins, whose nature for the moste part is to be pale coloured, vncomelye vysaged, theyr eies fired downward toward the grou̇d, in goynge slowe, leane, and oftentimes croked backed, and for the most part euil manered. For Saturne maketh them malicious, disceitful, and craftye, delitynge



to be alone, regardyng no man, without al frendshippe. Not very curious aboute their meates, great drinkers, and oftentimes great eaters, continually disquieted with cares and miseries, neuer free from them, ful of heuy and fearful thoughtes and imaginations, louing fennes and standing waters, liuinge filthelye, slow and rare of speche, colde of nature, weake bodied, and sickly, and euel fauored, of a lowe voice, hoorse, and stuttinge lightly enuyng other, and whome they hate, they persecute cōtinually without remission. Their delite is to buylde, to plant, plowe, and al thing that wil continue, hauing no great pleasure in women, and therfore seldō hauing children, but dyng without issue, dul of wit and senses. Wonderful defēders and kepers of their libertie, iudging it extreme miserie and euil to serue and be in bōdage, delityng in black, and therfore clothinge them selues therwith, ful of suspicion & feare, geuing great regard vnto dremes and thus far of Saturnins. That womā that hath .v. or .vi. lines in ẏ first ioynt of

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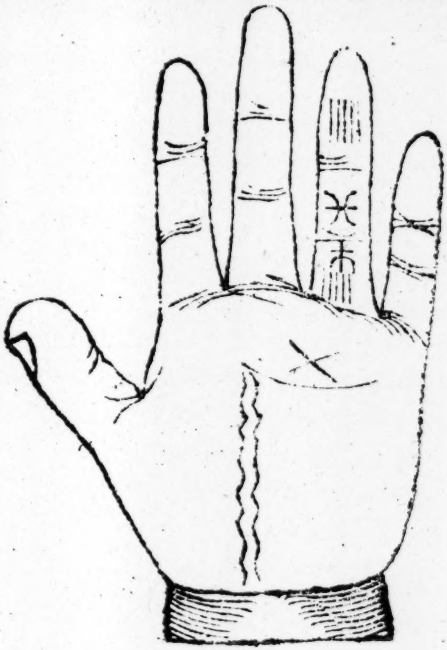

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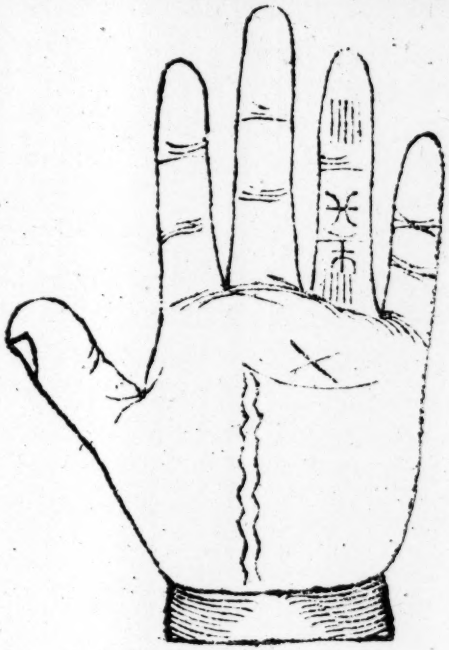

Also many lines in the hand of a woman about the vpper ioynt running together, do shew ỹ same. And moze ouer, that she shalbe had in reuerence & made rich by her husbands, also thei shew her to be deuout, but not to lead no monastical life. So likewise if they be in the second ioynt, they declare that she shal alwayes be had in reputacion and honoz, but amongst them of her own stock. Alwaies they signify riches aswel in menne as in women. But they are euel if they stretch to the hil of the Sunne.

¶ The xii. Chaptre of the hill and finger of Mercury, and of hys nature.

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The hil of the eare finger or rather of Mercury, is betwene the little finger and the table line. It is not greatlye materiall whether it be playne wythout incisions or baynes. For it being wel colored without wrinkles, sheweth a constant mind in a man, in a maide integritie. A slender line rysing at the table to the rote of the hil: betokeneth liberaliti. Also mani such lines beginning betwene the Table line, and the little finger: signifieth so many mariages as there be lines. Notwithstandinge, the lengthe, coloure, and slendernes of them must be marked: for the pale lines signify mariages past, the lōg and wel coloured thē to come. It happeneth often some of them to be grosse and very red, wherby thou shalte iudge a lier, a theefe, and robber, and one defiled withal kinde of mischief. Now if there be a croked line, as it were a circle goyng from that finger to the middle finger: it declareth an excellent wit and disposicion, in whome there is great hope, that he wil be apt and prompt to al kind of affaires.

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If there be smal croked lines in the vpper part of the litle finger in the hand of a woman: it sheweth a condition proper to al women, which is pride, much talke and babling, with inconstancy. And this for the most part is the Phisiognomy of all the Mercurians, meane coloured betwene blacke and white, hye forehead, round face, fayre eyes lyke a cat, blacke and thin berd, slender body, comelye stature, thin lips, sharp nose, shril voice and ready, a quicke motion and stirringe. If thou wilt foreknow this by the hil: if it be ful of strait lines, he is also of a pregnãt wit, bold, a horsemonger, faithful, readie to lie, a louer of his owne sectes, a hater of superstition, not regardynge temples nor oracles, apt to al sciences Mathematical and Geometry Finallye, a man fit for al affaires, a doctoure, a poete, endued with the knowledge of tonges, a sercher of secretes, a Philosopher, harty, modest, but ful of wordes, hurtinge no man, delitinge in the cleanest handye craftes, as in paintinge and suche like. Al be it, he is more vexed with sickenesse and troubled

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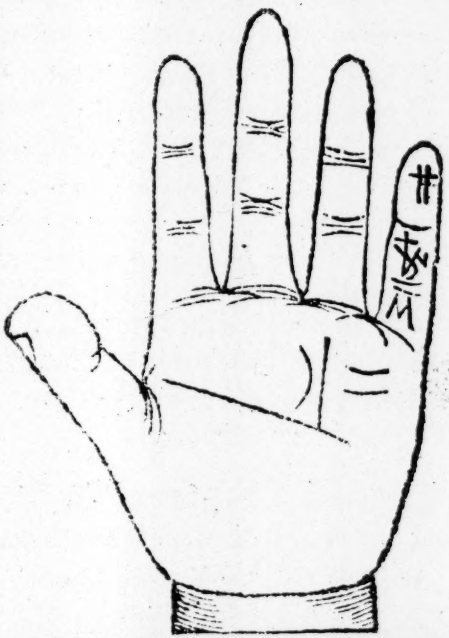

There be also certaine tokens, wher-
of the first in the first ioynt doth declare
a man to be studious, chiefelye of Retho-
rike, arrogante, proude, and of a type
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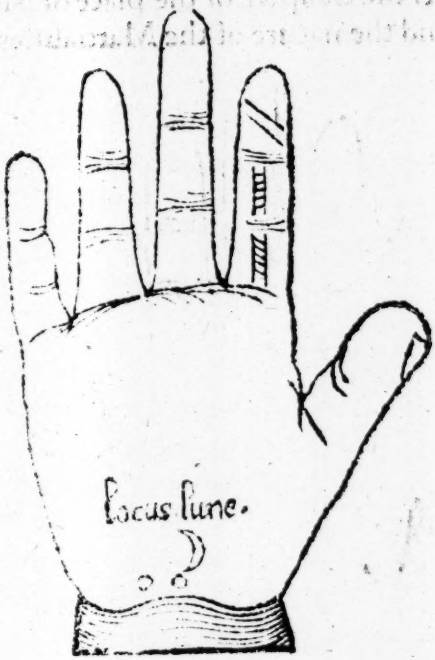
effecte, it sheweth an excellente preacher or oratoure, if it stand ouerthwart: he is troubled with sondrye Passions, horrible dreames, and euel fātasies. If in the thirde toynt there be a crosse, it is a sure signe of pouertie and necessity. And this is sufficient of Mercury, although the figure do not conteine al the signes, yet we haue described the chiefest and principal, for who can comprehende so many sortes of lines and tokēs of so diuers dispositions in so small a roume. We haue left nothing oute in the cannon or rule, which might be to any effecte or purpose.

¶ The. xiii. Chaptre of the vtter part of the Triangle, & of them ouer whome the Mone hath power and dominion.

Firste of al, I will declare what the Chiromanciers cal the vtter parte of the Triangle, it is the same whyche by the common name is called the line of the stomacke or liuer, with rising at the taile of the line of life, touchynge the middle natural, maketh a Triangle, if there be no let in the natiuity. Albe it, I know in some it doth not ioyne, yet it is not to be lefte oute, for it is foūd to be of as muche force as anye of the other, for if it make a perfite Triangle wyth the myddle natural and lyne of life: it sheweth the florishing health and prosperitie bothe of bodye and minde.

If it happen to be darcke coloured and ful of poyntes: it sheweth the il digestion of the stomack, morphew, colick, flegme, bineding of the bellye, paine of the stomacke and ribbes, and specially if it be pale. But if it be wel drawen, ruddye, nearer the line of life then the midle natural: it betokeneth paine in the head, if contrariwise, if the redneſſe be nearer the middle natural, then the line of lyfe it signifyeth the inflammatyon of the lunges,

lungs,annexed with a feruent ague,the kough,and stincke of the mouthe. Also, such a circle in the place of the Mone ☉, although it seme to be but a Jest, yet it betokeneth the losse of one eye,if ther be two ☉☉, the losse of both eyes,whyche thinge I haue proued true by my owne hurt. Likewise a star in the same place, signifieth a wicked and mischeuous mā. If you desire to know the Phisnompye of the lunatickes,they be whitly faced with some red,their browes ioyned together, theyr face and cheekes blowen,vnequal eyed,somwhat black, peraduēture marked in the face,vnthrifty,sickly,vnstable, slow,foolish,poore in youth,in the seconde age richer somwhat. But in thertreame age miserable againe,dotynge,vnfortunate,and borne to trauail,geuen to the fallynge syckenesse and Palsye, to the fir and blasting,except the Mone in the rote of natiuitie haue the Sunne or Iupiter proprice and in amitie with her.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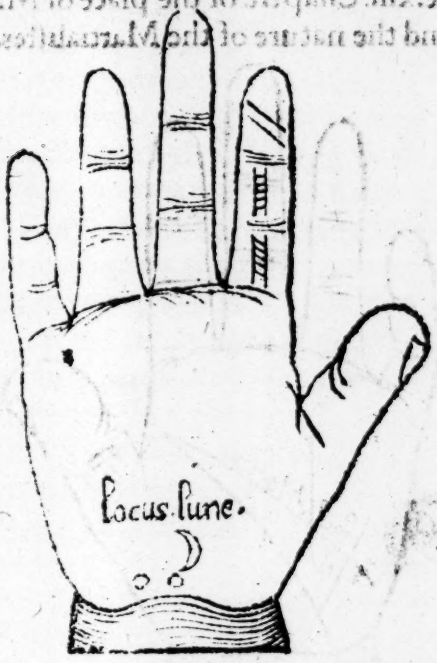
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The.xiii. Chaptre of the place of Mars, and the nature of the Martialistes.

Mars.

VVe thought it mete before we spake of Mars, to place him in the caue of ỹ hãd in the triangle, ouer against the natural line: in the which if there apere an other perfit triangle according to all the natural properties of the Martialists: you may pronostícate, ỹ by how much ỹ same is larger & bigger the man is to be iudged the more vicious. And specially if it be wel proportioned with the lines. The Phisnamye herein is not to be dispised, which I haue therfore ioyned because it shuld helpe the Chiromancier the better in iudgement, otherwise it can not be so exactly iudged. They be ble colored in ỹ face, as burnt of the Sunne, thin heered and curled, small eyes, somewhat croked bodied, with a shaepe and fierce aspecte, bouldc, couetous, disceitful, a bryber, vnfaithful, a iester, vnshamefast, lighte, vnconstant, angry, seditious, suspicious, impacient, a murderer, a boaster, a mocker, periured, and a counterfaiter of all thinges, that may be counterfaited.

¶ The conclusion of this worke of Chiromancie.

The boke of Chyromantiall prognostications or manual diuinations, according to the places of the. vii. Planets.

BEsides the Characters & lines, which are commonlye in the hande, there dothe often appeare straunge notes and markes, whiche betoken some great vnknowen thinge, wherefore oure intente now is to shewe their effect & meaning. We haue shewed before the natures of the signes, and what Planet is Lorde of euerye man, nowe we wil attempte to knowe what suspecte tokens bee in the Planettes: I meane not thoose in the heuens, but their characters, which be in the fingers, of what force they be.

Of

Of the place of Mars.

The place of Mars is in the Triangle, wherefore if you perceaue or finde suche a marke or signe drawen in thys sort in the triangle, iudge that man to be a Partialist, and that he shalbe hanged. The other three markes ouer agaynste the Table of the hande: signifieth boldnesse, stubburnnesse, seueritie, wastinge of his patrimonie and inheritaunce, with oppression of his frendes and kinsfolke.

Of

Of the finger of Venus.

VEnus dothe poſſeſſe the thombe & the hyll therof, whiche for the plainneſſe of it, is called the hyl of Venus, if ther be in the firſt ioynt ſuch a marke, they ſhall proſpere in all theyr aſſayres. In the ſe-

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conde ioynte, it betokeneth pouertye, and neare the nalle, that he shall haue a leprous childe, or elles in the place of Venus, it sheweth a venerous man, geuen to incest and aduoutrye, and specially if these markes be in the hill.

Of the finger of Iupiter.

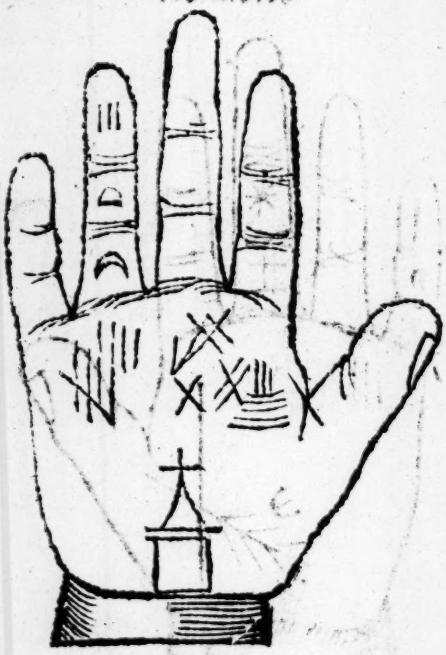
IVpiter hathe also his propre markes, who possesseth ẏ forefinger, as is here prescribed, in the fyrst ioynt they signifie an aduoutrer, & in thupper ioints riches, and speciallye in age. The other signes for the most part betoken no yll.

Of the finger of Saturne.

SAturne the highest amōgst thē, kepeth the midle finger with his priuate charectes here discribed, which declare a Saturnin mā, whose nature you may partly gather by that which is aforesaid, and partly we wil define more at large hereafter.

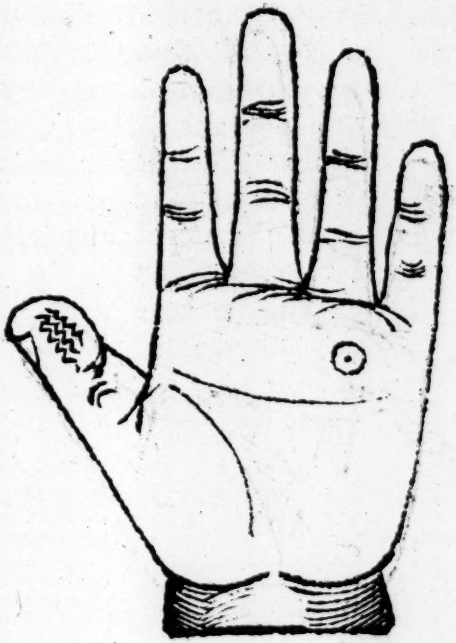
Of the finger of the Sunne.

A Line pourtured in this sort appearing in the ring finger, called properly the finger of the Sunne, signifieth longe life and prosperitie, al other appearances are tokens of euill.



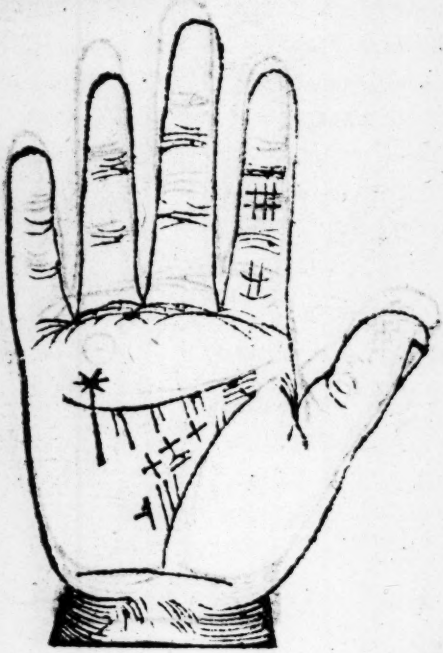
Of the finger of Mercury.

They haue appoynted vnto Mercurye the little finger with certaine lines, whereby you may perceiue and know a Mercurial bere briefly expressed, they betoken benefites or offices, all other signifie lasnesse, melancholy, and heauines.



Of the place of the Moone.

The place of the Mone is in the pomel of the hande. Wherefore if thou perceiue the lines here discribed, rising from the wrest it sheweth sluggishnes, in the place of Iupiter dulnesse and foolishnes, & spetially in women, whiche by nature are not very wise.



¶The Conclusion.

YOu haue hearde (deare Reader) the signes and markes of the planets, by the which without Astrologie you mays learne and knowe vnto what planet euerye man is subiecte, desyringe you to take this our Treatise in good worth, & to make a proufe thereof wyth labour and diligẽce, least that we may be thoughte herein to haue spent oure time and labour in vaine. There lacketh but only iudgement, the labour or pain is nothing: for so much as the hole effect may be vnderstand and knowen by once or twise reading at the most.

Fare ye vvell.

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An introduction to the Arte of Phisiognomy.

Of the iudgement of the forehead. Cap. i.

IT is not to be let passe, the sure iudgment that is to be taken by the forhed of man, the which doth alter & chaung at euery sodaine passion of the minde. For it is wel perceiued and known that the dispositions of most men to be iudged by nothing soner or better, then by the forhed: wherby the commō people do vse to say vnto all such as are vnshamefast & paste shame, that they are shameleſſe children. For so muche as honestie and shamefastenesse is no where soner perceiued, then in the forhed or eyes. Wherfore it shal not seme friuolous or vain, if according to the old prouerbes and auncient prophecies, setting other membres apart, I begin first with the forhed. The iudgementes of the large and of ỹ round forhead are diuers and sondry. The white to the intent it may more euidently appere

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der of Phisiognomicall iudgmentes.

The forhed, which riseth vp roūd of soe, is wel allowed, & specially if it be correspondent to the head. The temples being round and without heare, sheweth excellency of wit, desire of honor, arrogancy, with stoutnes of stomacke. The skinne plain and slippry, but aboue the nose: declareth a prophane, disceitful, and an angry man. A hie forehed gathered in with wrinkles, & low in the midst: betokeneth ỹ great vice of cruelty to be ioyned with the two most excellent vertues of magnanimity

nimity and wisdome. A very great fore-head round and bauld, declare a bold and a lying person. A very long forhed, with a long visage, and a slender Chinne: are tokens of cruelty and tiranny. The forhed confused, with a fat blowen visage: sheweth an vnstable flegmaticke grosse and dul person. And these briefly are sufficient as touching as Astrology.

¶ The. ii. Chaptre of the iudgement of the browes.

The browes in lyke manner are grown into a proverbe, in so muche as he which dothe set vp hys bristles and wold exalte him selfe aboue others, is commenlye saide to looke a lofte, * the which dothe seme not to erre far from the truth. For in dede the browes knit harde and red: declare an vnhoneste, vnshamefaste, and an envious persone, white browes shew an effeminate man, lyghte of belief and folishe. When the browes meete and ioyne together, it is verye euel, for it betokeneth a manne geuen to witchcrafts and

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and euel Artes. The whiche I haue sene euident in diuerse old southsayers: ẏ being led vnto ẏ fyre: haue had such brows In some the brows seme to tremble and moue, which also is a token of stoutnes & boldnes. Heery browes a simple mā: soft & plaine browes, wel proportioned with blacke heeres: sheweth a temperat complexion and honest person.

¶ The. iii. Chapter of the eyes.

IN lyke manner the eyes do argue and shewe the honestye and dishonestye in men, according to the Testimonye of oure sauioure Christe in the Gospell: sayinge thus, is thine eye euel because I am good: and againe, if thine eie be simple and pure, the hole bodye shalbe lightsome and cleare. The iudgemente of the eyes is in thys manner, if you behoulde at anye time anye manne wyth comelye eyes, quicke, open, bright and cleare, not ouer bigge, nether verye rounde: iudge therby, the good, hole and sound estate of

the minde. But he whose eyes do sticke or hange oute like a Calfe (as you shall see but fewe) iudge him a notable dotard grosse, and dul, also riotous, slow, lying, and simple: the same is to be thought of very great eyes, and excessiuely open.

Contrariwise, hollowe eyes declare an enuious and malicious persone, an imaginer of mischiefe angry, and suspicious. Likewise narrowe eyes, as it were beholding of a marke: are tokens of a cruelty: aunte. When the eyes are graye, rollinge to and fro (as it is the manner of all such as are past shame) it sheweth impudent

pudent persons, arrogant, instable, liers, and worste of all, if the eyes be citrine or darke graye. Also, diuers mennes eyes do runne and droppe, the whiche do not his nature, but onlye the moistnesse of the braine, with aboundance of fleume. This is sufficient.

¶ The. iiii. Chapter of the iudgement of the nose.

BEcause we haue all readye made mention of Prouerbes and addages, it will not be vaine to declare suche adages as the common people do vse vppon the noose, the whyche aboue all other membres they do moste abuse, as for so muche as suche as are croked nosed are naturallye geuen to deride and mocke other: thys prouerbe is growen, to hange by the croked noose. Likewise a Rhinoceron his nose, whiche is an obiection against suche as laugh at or scorne other.

Holwe be it amongſte the Perſians it was counted greate comlineſſe to be croked noſed: As Xenophon and Plutarche make mention that Xerxes had. And euen vnto this day they preferre no man vnto that dignity, excepte he be well noſed, for it is ſaide that Xerxes was bolde and ſtoute, and a great mocker and ſcorner of men, whereby ſuche menne are iudged ſcornefull and bolde, diſceitfull, trayterous, geuen to rapine and Couetouſneſſe. This is the iudgement of ſuch as haue croked noſes like vnto a Goſ-

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hauke or an Egle. Such as with ỳ same crokednesse, haue a certaine risinge vpwarde, the crokednesse somwhat abated (as we might haue sene in Maximilian the Emperour) are to be iudged liberal, stoute, eloquente, and prowde, excepte the tippe of the nose be copped and sharppe, the whiche the more sharpe it is, it sheweth the more angry, seuere, and froward persons. There is herein a greate cõtrauersy, that ther is almost none other differẽces of faces but by the nose, & the greatest difference is in the length, thicknes, and crokednesse thereof: hitherto we haue spoken of croked noses. Longe noses if they sticke oute much by the sides: declare the simplicitye of the minde, but scarse continente or chaste. The chinne being proportioned therunto sheweth ỳ desyre of Venus, the grosenesse and largnesse of the nosethirles, betoken dulnesse, folishnesse, and madnesse, derision, discrete, and immoderate venereous appetite. The noose broade and flatte in the middest and elevate and risinge in the ende: sheweth a lyinge, stubburne,

cruel, babbling, and a wanton person. A long and round nose, sheweth one geuen to rapine, which also by a certain celestial fate, is prone to all euil. There is also difference in coloures. As when the nose is swarth or redde, or intermedled wyth small red stringes or spottes, iudge ther by a notable drinker, and dronkard, thursty with a hot liuer, geuen to riot, and inclined to the morphew. This we haue also noted by the way, if any man be desirous to know, if a man or woman be bistat or corrupt, which is specially known by the nose, if the gristle which is in the tippe of the nose suffer it self to be deuided, or part in sunder, with the touching of a finger: it is a signe such persones to be bitiate and defiled. There be also many other tokens and iudgementes to be had of the nose, the whiche because they seme litle to profit or furder this our present intent, we do willingly let passe.

¶ The .b. Chapter of the Philiognomy of the mouthe with the iudgmentes therof.

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eloquent, witty, prudent, and ingenious men. Great lips with the nether lip hanging downe, that the teethe do apere, do declare dul and folishe people, harde of vnderstanding, vnlearned, luxurious, inconstant and cruel.

¶ The.vi. Chaptre of the Phisiognomy of the tonge and of the tethe.

The tong verily is but a smal member but a worker of great things, an vncurable euil ful of deadly poison, & so much the more pestilent, because that nether by Phisiognomy nether otherwise ỹ nature and quality therof can not be sufficiently knowen or forsene. But howe so euer a man take heede of it, he shal seldom geue any certain iudgemente in it, excepte it be as touchinge, stuttinge or eloquence, greate immoderate and ouer lóg tonges do cause stutting and stamering, contrewise, slender and sharp tõges like adders tonges, do forshewe eloquence, subtilty & craft, albeit ỹ Astronomers do not imputte stuttinge to be the vice or fault of ỹ tong,

tog, but do attribut the cause therof vnto Mercury retrograde, but of that we will speake more of it in an other place.

The like reason is had of the teth, the which being thick set and like dogs teth, by the strength of them you may forse a longe life. It is not needeful to stande long herein, for so muche as manye haue attained to great age, whithe neuer had any pain in their tethe. Cõtrariwise, rotten, lose, stinking and small tethe declare shortnesse of life, abounndaunce of heate, & euill humors, such for the most part are of a colerick complexion. As touching a-

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any mutability of any quality of ẏ mind there is none obſerued or knowen in thẽ. When they be miſplaced and ſet oute of order, they betoken a knauiſh perſone, a babler, proud and vnſtable.

The. vii. Chapter of the Chin.

The Philoſophers do agre, ẏ like as a croked ſharp noſe, doth betokẽ anger, ſtoutnes & tiranny: euen ſo doth a ſharpe Chin, this I thinke alſo meete to warne you of, that we muſt abſtain from the cõpany of ſuch as be markt & lame in any mẽber, I ſpeake of ſuch as are naturally defectiue and lame and not by chaunce or witchcraftes.

The which albeit peraduēture it seme curious and superstitious, yet Galen and Hipocrates (whom herein I do folow) do affirm the same that we ought to abstain frō such as be vnfortunate that is to saie from such as be deformed either in theyr eies, nose, mouth, fete, and hands or halt on thone leg, & from such as be Saturnins I say it wil be thought superstitious, but that which is true I say & boldly affirm. The Iouials and the Saturnines do mutually dissent and disagre. Likewise, the Martialistes and such as be vnder Venꝰ. As it may wel be perceiued and seene in cōuenticles & counsels. I know not what els mai seme to be the cause, but only the repugnāt nature of the planets, and the infelicity of their aspect. For Saturne is cold and dri, & Iupiter hot and moist, how can it then be, but that heat & cold must nedes be repugnāte in them selues. And again Saturn causeth slouthful, nere, slow solitary, euil & vntractable persons. Iupiter maketh gentle, familiar, apt, & benign persones. So that what so euer is in the quality of the planets, the same effecte,

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they worke in vs through theyr influẽce, accordyng to thinclination of oure dispositions, who therfore can plainly set forth & declare their inclinatiõs, but he which is lerned in Astronomy, knoweth what is to be attributed vnto euery one, and bi his knowledge ether to augmẽt or mitigate the affectiõs of the mind. As Venus which naturally is ennemye vnto Mars, yet oftentimes through her gẽtienes she doth mitigate and asswage the seuerity & cruelty of the other. And as touchinge suche as are marked there is a notable sayinge attributed vnto Aristotle that we should beware of all suche as nature hath marked. Thercellent learned man Marsilius ficin⁹ in his. iii. boke of the heuenly life to be acquired, speaking of the Saturnines writeth in this manner. The Saturnines are verely vnclcane men, ignorant, enuius, and sad, subiect vnto vnclene spirits, whose cõpany se thou vtterly eschue. For in them is alwayes some secrete poyson, the which as sulphur being set apart from the flame, yet in liuely bodies it doth breake out & apere, & doth

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not only burne as sulphur beinge set on fire, but also doth infect and fil all round about with his pernicious and hurtfull vapors. The Iouials likewise by the presens of any such signe are made vnfortunate, out of Marcelions, it is also saide ꝑ Apolonius Thianens did perceiue a certain Saturnicall old mā in Ephesus whiche only bi his presēce did infect the hole city with pestilēce. For so much as these things are sufficiently entreted of by the said learned man, we wil leaue thē vnto the diligent reader, thinking it sufficient for vs to haue declared the author.

The. viii. Chaptre of the heere, with their accidentes.

FOr the better vnderstanding of Phisiognomy of the heeres we wil first declare their nature, The heres are nothig els but a vapor hot and dry in densat & made thick by thair which he is compassed withal, by ꝑ which definicion it doth plainly appere that old saturnyn men to be bald & without heere thorowe the extreme cold which is in their powers.

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Contrariwise cholerick men to be ful of heere, because of ther heat & conbust humors except it be in such wher heat doth ouer much aboũd. The philitions do ascribe the curling of the heere vnto ẏ poeres, the which being brokẽ doth dispose the heere in that manner, now let vs return vnto the iudgements. A plain, soft, slender heere betokeneth a softe slender, fearful, and a pesible person, a stiffe and grosse heers, a boulde, stronge, disceitful and a foztunate man.

Such as haue their fozhed and tẽples full of here, we may iudge thẽ luxurious, vaine,

vain and proud. Also if the curling of the here be stiffe & hard, it betokeneth dulnes of wit, & in whom ye do perceiue the curling of the heere in the corner of the tēples to come round in ẏ maner of a horn ye may iudge that man aboue all others to be inclined or geuē to some great vice or euil. Likewise, if his heere be red, the which thing is euident to all men, but ẏ heere is alwais most comendable which is black with a certain shining or glistering blacknes: such mē ye may pronoūce to be wise, aduised, faithful and honest. Likewise may you thinke of white aburn & gray heres, these also is worthye to be noted out of ẏ rules of phisick suche as haue white heeres very sone in their youth, to be incontinēt, vnchast & vnstable persons. This is also affirmed of Alexander Aphrodiseus ẏ the humoure whiche in men is resolued into heere in women, it is turned into the menstrue or into milk if they haue conceiued, and such women as haue berds growing on ther faces we do cōmenly cal Viragoes, for so much as we are sure they be verye desirous of the company of man.

The.ix. Chaptre of the Phisi-ognomy of the face.

Is it not to be thought a great meruel, that amongst so many mens faces, you shal scarsli find two, which do agre the a like: Wherfore also no man can geue no certain conjecture or iudgement of any state or qualitie of the minde. How be it if any man be so curious, he may haue the colour & proporcion wherby to iudge, for as the vttermost coloure in a picture doth shew temperance therof, euen so in the face it doth argue good or euil.

Red colour is alwais suspect, declaring a hot

a hot complexion, a swarth & leaden couler is neuer cõmendable for besides a Saturnine disposition and black choler doth also shew the euil affections of the mind, as enuy, anger, rancor, machinationes & priuy hatreds, a white feminine coloure, soft & cold, declareth a cold, soft and tẽder person, except when a certaine sanguine rednes be mixed with it, as we may behold in sanguin cõplexion, this colour is only most cõmendable, for it causeth also a mã to be inclined & disposed to al good & honest things, & apt to al things, now as touching the proportion of the face.

A very long face with the cheke bone sticking out, sheweth a bold, proud, iniurious, and deceitful, brauler, a mene face not ouer lene, nor very fat, signifieth a man apt to all things, a fleshy face declareth a slouthful flematick, slow, fearful, venerious, vnstable, & a pernitious person, & the groser ẏ face is, ẏ more duller it declareth him to be & vntractable, a meane slender face is token of an ingenious, studious & wise man, the chekes being puffed vp without any flesh, forshew the falling sicknes & the kings euil, a pale coulor is neuer alowed, a yelow colour like saffron which is not natural, declareth the opilaciō of the spleen & ouerflowing of the gal and cholor, the phisitions opinion is, that such men as are therwith infected, shal neuer liue til they be. iii. score yeares of age, other things because they be cōmen, we wil willingly let passe.

The. x. Chaptre of the Phisiognomy of the eares.

The eares although they seldom come to sight, yet some haue lōg open and

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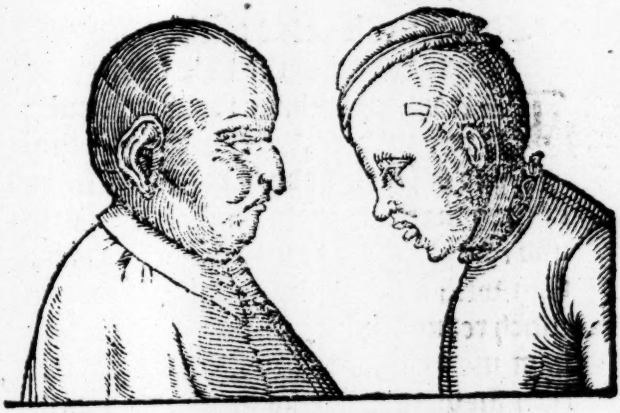
asse eares, whose nature is rather iudged by the propertie of the beaste then otherwise, suche as haue eares like Asse eares, are to be iudged slouthful and sluggishe and indued with like manners, short and smal eares like an ape, sheweth vnstable and crafty men.



The .xi. Chapter of the Phisiognomy of the head.

IF you do adde al whiche is afore gone together, that is to say the mouth, chin, lips, forhed, eies, and temples, al these do make a hed either very great or slender, which if it be coped vp hie, it signifieth a

vnstable, foolish, dul, envious, and a man hard of vnderstanding, a mene roūd hed, an ingenious, witty, suttle person, also a good memory, a slender hed, the neck not being ouer long, sheweth a witty, wise, & learned man, a litle hed and long necke are tokens of an vnfortunat, weake and foolish persone.

The. xii. Chaptre of the colour of the head and the hole body.

That which we haue spokē particulerly of ẏ mēbers, we thinke to be iudged of ẏ hole body bi touching wher of thou maiest readely know the quality and complexion, a dainty slender & smoth skin with a soft flesh, specially if ther be much redneſſe in the chekes, signifieth ẏ dominion of bloud, a white flesh and soft skin, sheweth fleume, a brown and inclined to red choler, blacke or inclyned to black, pale or inclined to pale, declareth melancholy or burnt cholor, a skin ful of wrinkles and sinnewes hard and rough betokeneth cholor, a slender, thinne and white skin, sheweth fleume and weakeneſſe and such like.

The.xiii.Chapter of the Armes.

THe iudgementes of the armes is verye easye, for I thincke there be no man of so dul a wit, whiche beholding a manne with fleshly armes, ful of sinnewes, but that he wil iudge him straight way strong and sturdye: For so much as in thē the hole strength of ỹ body doth consist, excepte where the skin is thick, & the sinnowes not so diuers and many such men are for the most part flemitick or sanguin, geuen to Idleneſſe or slouth. The armes exceding long betokē boldnes, strength & ignobilitie, and also a short life, if they be croked in respect of ỹ stature of the hole bodye, they do signifye vnthankful, vnshamefast, couetous, slaūderous, enuious and proud parsons, differing little from such, whose armes be hery, whom ye may likewise iudge wantō venerous, vain, crafty, and vnstable, and ful of wordes.

The.xiiii.Chapter of the breaste and ribbes.

SUche as haue described the nature of beastes, do chiefly iudge not onlye the

ſtrength, but alſo ẏ adauſiti and boldnes of the Lion by his breſt, by the ſame reaſon, we do iudge him which hath a bigge breſt to be bould, laſcerious & wanton in words, proud, angry, & couetous, ſuch as be heary on their breaſt, are to be iudged cholerike with ẏ properties therunto belonging, the breſt clere wout heere, ſignifieth cold & fleum. Likewiſe ſuch as haue their breſt riſing like a croked back, ſuch mẽ we take to be deceitful, crafty prown to al euil, Martialiſtes vainipocrites. Likewiſe whoſe breſt we find to be red vp to ẏ throte, we iudge them to be angry, con-

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tencious, presumpteous, proude, inconstant, but not withstanding fearful, but ỹ which is plain, fleshy, meane and without here is iudged the best, for it is ỹ token of a wise and descrete man, and all naturall goodnes. Because we wil leaue nothing vntouched which pertaineth vnto Phisick that is worthy to be known. Such as haue small hartes be more hartier and bolder then other, because that ỹ spirites sturring vp the vitall membres, are more present in the small member, then in the greate where they be easely dispersed.

The.xv. Chapter of the Phisiognomy of the hand.

FOr so much as we haue largly intreted of the Phisiognomy of the hãds in our boke of Chiromancie, we wil referre the gentle reader therunto.

The.xvi. Chapter. of the belly, backe and bowels.

IT is no great matter to iudge the qualitie of euery man by his bellye, & likewise by his back and bowels, for theese

are no smal members of the body, butle vs heare what they do prescribe, the belly being heery vp to the nable, declareth a very riotous person, also bould and stout wise, ful of vnderstanding, studious, witty, but not very fortunate, a leane & slender dealy, she weth a hot and choloricke complexion, & somtime melancholy complexion, & for the most part, such as haue grosse and fat bellies, are seldō very witty, but thys is knowen by experience, the back which is larg & strōg to be most cōmendable, for it is a token of a stout and strong man, and diuers do perswade and counsaile to beware of such as are croke backed, because for the most part they are inclined to som notable euel, specially to backbiting and enuying, ỹ thighes grose and fleshy, declare the same, that the cauf of the leg, and the fete being fleshy, do, ỹ is boldnes and strength, the like is to be vnderstanded, when the thighes are ful of sinnewes: thinne slender, and leane thighes, euery mā knoweth to be a sign of weaknes, & many do thinke it a great token of impotence, when the feete are

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without heeres, and contrariwise if they be very heery to be a signe of incontinence and boldenesse. Moreouer, suche as haue hard fete are iudged foolish and dul, soft & light fete sheweth soft and light wits. Thys is also obserued in women ỹ such as haue very long fete to be most apte to childzen. And it is said the apetite of generation to be chiefly perceiued in the feete, whiche is not al together euil: for I finde written of other Phisitions that Venus may hardly be vsed without the feat be warme.

The. xvii. Chapter of the hole stature of man.

VVe may also iudge by the stature, for thus we finde in stories that Maximinus for his great and almoste monstreous lengthe, was counted foolishe, whereby the prouerbe sprang.

How be it we nede not here to reherse nothing thereof.

For as much as we do see plainlye all those that are so excesse lōg, to be very little or nothing at all wise, specially if they be leane and long bodied, and lōg necked like a curlewe, suche as we haue sene certain in the courtes of Fredericke the third, and Charles Emperors, which haue bene of a wonderful talnesse, and very leane and slēder, and of a exceading madnesse and folly, neither do they much differ from them whiche go croked and stouping, wherby this prouerbe hath taken force and strengthe. I haue seldome sene a tall man wise, or a litle mā meke. Wherfore the meane stature, nether to fat nor to leane, with the other good qualities therto belonging: doth shew an ingenious and wise man, apt and ready in all affairs and businesse.

The seconde boke entreateth of an Epiloge or briefe collection of the hole summe of the Arte of Phisiognomy. By the which you may vnderstand and perceiue, what euery membre from the crowne of the head, to the soole of the foote, dothe signifye and meane. Also a brief introduction vppon the faces of the signes, with certaine cannons and rules, vpon sicknes & diseases. And first to begin with the eyes.

The eyes therfore being moiste and cleare, sheweth mirthe, good manners, and an honest life, declininge and loking downward, red, & very great: betokeneth glotony, and fleshly luste. Smal hollowe eyes, couetousnesse. Graye eyes an euil man: hollowe eyes a craftye man, waueringe vnstable eyes, declare a seditious, suspitious, vnfaithful hoster. Great eyes slouth, trēblinge eyes sluggishnes, glistering eyes betokē dronkēnes, smal eyes vnshamfastnes, diuerse coloured & smal: signifieth craftye flattering. Turning toward the nose, betoke-

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neth lecherous men. Greate droppinge eyes with an vnstable countenance, mad men. Dry eies, crafty men. Blacke cleare eyes, iust, witty, libidinous, and cuning. The circle of the ball grene: declareth a craftye wicked man and a theefe. Moiste eyes stoutnes of stomacke, perfect speche and good counsel. Greate glistering eyes: shewe mad men, light, and glotons. Croked hollow and dry eyes, declare vnfaithful and traitorous persons. Highe eyes, large, cleare, pure, & moist: are tokens of circumspect, diligent persons, and louers. Alwaies running and droppinge without cause of sickenes, declareth foolishnes. Pitty dry eyes, vnfaithful me. Larg eyes glistering, moist, & cleare: signifieth witty and high men, violent, stout, and boasters. Blacke and shining eyes, fearful and euel men. Swelling eyes and raw: sheweth glotons and vnamiable men. Smal and holowe eyes, couetous, disceitful men. Chereful eyes betoken iust me, prone to laughter, gentle, and holy. Moist eyes, good counsel. Winking eyes, a theefe and a lier in waite. Bleared eyes, libidonous

nous men. Upright browes, amiable, the browes hanginge ouer effeminate playynge with the bries: signifieth adulterous persons.

The forhed narow, sheweth a folishe person, long, one apt to learne. A hie forhead swelling and round, is a signe of a crafty man & a coward. Ful of wrinkles, ful of cares, round, enuious, and craftye. A large forhed betokeneth a liberal mā.

The browes heery, signifieth stutting: & being erect to the tēples vnclenlines.

The face plaine and flat, declareth a mā ful of debate and strife, without anye rising or swelling: iniurious, and an vncleane person. A leane face is token of a wise man. A fleshy face one apt to learn. A sad face sheweth somtime folishnesse, sometime wisdome.

Open eares betokeneth a man without reason or vnderstāding, great eares an vnwise man, smal eares a fole, square eares a learned and wise man.

A sharpe nose sheweth an angry person, thicke and low, euil manners. The nose tending or stretching to the mouth,

declareth

declareth honesty, strengthe, and apte to learning. A great nose good, a litle nose a disceitful person. A nose like an ape, betokeneth a libidinous & riotous persone.

The noseth?illes thicke and stronge betokeneth strength: round, feare: d?awē in lēgth, mery & co?agious: ỹ noseth?ils narow and round are tokens of a sole.

A bigge mouth sheweth a boulde and hardy warriour. The mouth very bigge with the vpper lippe hanging ouer: signifieth a glotton and an vnpodly man, a babler, rash, foolish, and vnstedfast.

Slender, thinne, and subtile lips, betoken eloquence, but thin lips with a litle mouth, an effeminate persō. Fleshy lips a foole. And they whose dogge teethe do beare out their lippes, are to be counted cōtumelous, slanderers, and vnfaithful. A sharp th?otbole signifieth a vain iester

A long slender necke declareth a fearful euil mannered man, thick and long, a furious, fearful, and stubburne persone.

A mean necke, a strong and vertuous man, and apt to learning. A thick necke, sheweth rude, barbarous, and vngentle per-

persons. Sharpe neck a slaūderous person. A short neck rashnes. A croked neck a couetous mā. The necke turned to the right side: sheweth a tēperat man. Turned to ẏ left side, a hore master & a fole.

A great brest is alway praised, a larg brest doth represēt Magnanimitie, boldnesse, and honestye. A little breast a fearful person. A pursye or grosse breaste, an vngentle and cruel man.

The paps hanginge downe from the breast, do shew a violent man.

A great belly declareth an vndiscrete folishe man, proud, and riotous. A lanke belly with a bigge breaste, a man of vnderstanding and counsel.

A brode backe declareth gentlenesse. The mean proportion both of the backe and breaste, is alwaye commendable: a croked backe is token of a nigarde, and couetous person.

Very long armes are signe of boldnes, honesty, and strength, short armes a sower of discord and riot.

The handes very short doth signify a grosse & rude person, fat and fleshy with

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the fingers likewise inclined to theefte. Smal handes crafty men.

The fete ful of flesh declareth foolishnes, Smal and slender fete, hardnesse.

Slender legges shew ignorance, grosse legges, boldnes and strength. Large and ful of sinowes, fortitude, & strēgth. Short & fat legs, cruelty. Croked & hollowe inward, is a token of very il men. Soft and swelling legges, euil mannered men.

The shin grosse & short with a sharp heele and fatte thighes, do prognosticate madnesse or frensye to come or happen to that partie.

Thus haue you here these briefe introductions to this Art of Phisiognomy, by the which a man may iudge the dispositions of other. Folowing herein Aristotle and Valla, who did the like, by whose help we haue performed herein that we may or can. Wherefore, if any man wil slaunder vs, let him know that we haue not written any commentaries, but a cōpendious treatise of this science,

and thus an end.

Briefe

Briefe introductions

vpon the faces of the signes, what effect the Sunne doth worke in euerye house or mansion.

NOw that we haue fully proposed & also determined aswel to instruct, as to induce and allure the studious and desyrous, to the studye and knowledge of Astrology, and that there be many things to be obserued and marked therein, as the situation and placing of the houses, and the iudgements of the Horoscope: we thinke now onlye to remaine necessary to intreate or speake of the faces or triplicities of the signes, and of their worke and effect in euery degre. For the Sunne and euerye other Planet haue diuerse and sondry effectes in eche degre & face, worckinge one thinge in the first triplicity, another in the second, and a far differente and contrarye operation in the thirde face. The whyche that you may the better vnderstande, euery signe

is deuided into thirti degrees. The same thirty being parted again into.iii parts, ỳ first part or order to ten, doth make the first face or triplicity, & al which cometh betwene ten & twenty, is attribute to the secõd: & that which remaineth to ỳ thirty degre, is added to the thirde face. And in this maner muste you deuide all the other signes: and these degrees as they increase in number, so do they in force and strengthe. So towarde the ende they be of lesse power then they were in the beginninge or middest of the Triplicitye, and specially in the last faces or triplicities. These notes and others we haue briefly drawen or taken out of Abrahã, Haly, Alcabitius, Firmicus, and suche others. Wherefore, if anye ioylous or enuious persone, wyll obiecte or demaunde whye we ioyne these thinges to our doynges: we answere that those learned menne did not fully and distinctly write the whole effects, which a perfect Astrologian might altogether do. But rather to admonithe theyr owne Disciples and Scholers then to teache others.

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And these thinges thus beinge touched, we will procede to speake of Aries.

The Sunne in the first face of Aries. ♈. 1

The Sunne in Aries, which is the first and principall signe, amongste the twelue, and in the first ten degres of the same, dothe commonly make those whiche be then borne, red couloured, smal visaged, lanke and slender bealled, & leane, marked in the left kote, or elbow, hauing many frendes, hating euil and louing al that is good.

In the second face whiche is from the tenth degre of Aries, to the twentl degre of the same, it maketh them blacke coulored, the which blacknes is not reputed as any vice or deformity, but for a comelinesse and greate ciuilitie. They be also of a mean ciuility, angry, suspitious, disceitful, and hartye, compassed and beset with many ennemies which shal pursue him euen vnto death.

In the thirde face it maketh them oftentimes red, inclining to a saffrō colour solitary, and deuising crafte & disceites.

The sun in the first face of Taurus. ♉ 2

Maketh them that be borne apt or diligent, great eyed, and greate lips, marked in the necke, but very merye, and alwaies occupied in riot and banketinge.

In the secõd face, it maketh them wãton and riotous, (but not so much as in the first face) runners aboute countries, and vnstedfast.

In the third face it causeth a colder complexion because of Saturne whyche doth possesse this laste face, and bringeth the paines or diseases of the eares, belly, and thighes.

The Sunne in the firste face of Gemini. II

Who so euer happeth to be borne the Sunne being in the firste face of Gemini, is for the most part of a meane stature, wel bodied, euery membre decently compact, marked in the heade or knees, gẽtle, and painful, vnfortunate through women, and commonly without issue.

In the second face it doth minishe the stature, adding blacknes of colour, marked in the elbow or preuy members, and that whiche semeth to be deminished or wan-

wanting in thother partes, is repaired & fulfilled with eloquence.

In the declination of the thirde face, it maketh them to decrease in honestye and the due proporcion of the membres, making them folishe, and inventors and spreaders abrode of iestes & vaine trifles.

The sunne in Cancer. ☋

THey which are borne in the firste ten degrees of Cancer, are comelye bothe of bodye and heere, narrowe browes, quicke and pregnante witted, marked in the right arme and thighes, hauynge a good spirite and disposition, and plentye of frendes.

In the second face redde heeres, short stature without any beарde, and marked in the eyes.

In the third face it maketh thē grosse and dull, with heery browes, ful of ytch, and as it were blowen or pusted vp in the face,

The sunne in Leo. ☌.

SO in the first face of Leo, is the gift of life, and it maketh thē of a smal comely body, reddy coloured, mixed with some

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white, rouling eyes, straight body, ful of diseases in their feete, especially in age, famous and notable, simple, and beloued of the kinges and rulers of thearth.

In the second face it maketh the large breasted, the stones and priuy members, slender, harty and honourable.

In the third face short of stature, rose coloured, mired with white, vered with much sicknesse, a whoremonger, and louer of women.

The Sunne in Virgo.

The Sunne possessing the firste face of Virgo, causeth a comely stature, high and tal body, a faire face, witty, prudent and quicke, curled heere, a player of instruments, with a quicke and shril voice, learned in many sciences, but vnfertil & barren in hauing or bringynge forth of children.

In the secõd face it maketh thẽ likewyse comly coũtenanced, smal eyes, a fair nose religious, learned, honest, without blame or reproche, and desirous of praise.

Vnder the third face, simple, fair, apt, witty, prudent, and good.

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The Sunne in the firste face of Libra. ♎

BEing a signe of a mãly shape or forme causeth a fayre face, a simple, painful and modest person, which shalbe wounded in the heade.

In the second face it maketh likewise a faire face, but bleare eied, or squint eied, for they shal haue some default in them.

In the third face it maketh them honorable, reuerent, and comelie: in thend of this face it maketh them oftentimes of both kindes, and let them take hede they take no venemous thing.

The sunne in Scorpio. ♏

CAuseth them whiche are borne to be euel fauored, marked in the heade or shulders, or in the left fote or arme, large brested, mery, & plesant in geuing cheeks or tauntes, sobre, and discrete.

In the seconde face it causeth a great head, and a great babler, marked in the knees or backe,

And vnder ỹ third face maketh a smal and litle stature, gagle eied, a glotton or a great eater, and a horemonger.

The ſunne in Sagittarius. ♐

Maketh them of a comely countenãce and tall ſtature, belongynge to the Courte, ſtudious and deſyrous of good thinges.

Under the ſecõd face it cauſeth a comly and faire countenance and ſtature, inclined to a ſaffron coloure, thin browes, and marked in the breaſt.

In the third face tal and comly, large & big breſted, marked in the breſt & fote.

The ſunne in Capricorne. ♑

Maketh oftentimes a large breaſte, a tender and ſoft perſon, of a competẽt ſtature, but ſomwhat black colored, marked in the elbow or breſt crafty.

In the ſecond face fair, marked in the left arme, but if the nattuity be by night, it maketh them malicious, longe noſed, and quicke witted.

In the thirde face it cauſeth a comelye bodye, a citrine face, marked in the arme or knee, angrye, louelye, and a louer of women.

The Sunne in the firſte face of Aquarius. ♒

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The sunne in the first face of Aquarius maketh a comely body & face, marked in the brest or left fote, also benigne, easy and gentle to be spoken to, tractable, & familiar amongst men.

Under the seconde face, it maketh thē very longe red face, marked in the backe or elbow, endomaged with manye verations and tribulations.

In the third face it causeth a short stature, a rose coloured countenaunce, marked vnder the elbow, and a louer of women: but if it happen him to be borne in the last degree, he shal not onlye be different and cōtrary disposed in the proportion of the bodye, but in all hys actions and doinges.

The sunne being found in pisces. X

Causeth a soft body, white, bigge brest, comely beard, faire forhed, clear skin, large & fayre eyes, ful of flesh and honest.

In the second face, an equal and short stature, blacke beard, thin heared, nimble and mery.

In the third face it maketh thē comely and decent in al members, and geueth also

alſo clerenes of ſound or voice.

This alſo we haue iudged worthy to be noted and marcked, that in Artificiall Aſtrologye there be certayne formes or ſignes, whyche do cauſe greatneſſe or bigneſſe, as Leo, Virgo, Sagittarius: and certaine whiche cauſe diuination or making leſſe, as Piſces, Cancer, Capricorne.

The beginninges alſo of Aries, Leo, and Taurus, do cauſe bodyes to tende to groſſeneſſe and ſtrengthe, the endes of the ſame, do contrariwiſe cauſe leannes, ſlenderneſſe, and debilitye: likewyſe the beginnynges of Gemini, Scorpius, and Sagittarius, cauſe leanneſſe and debility, and the endes of the ſame, groſyneſſe, and ſtrength, but Virgo, Libra, and Sagittari cauſe equalitye and good proporcion. Taurus, Scorpius, and Piſces, as Halye wryteth, do worke and cauſe a diuerſe and vnequall proporcion of the bodye. For they whiche are borne in the daye, are clearer then they whiche are borne in the nyghte: for the nyghte doothe helpe the Planettes, ſignifiyng obſcuritie and blackeneſſe. Alſo the Moone in con-

conſunction with Mercury, in the houre of natiuitie, and not beinge aſcendente: cauſeth the fallinge ſickeneſſe, and ſpecially if Saturne be in any angle in the day birth: or Mars in the nighte byrthe. Alſo Saturnus in anye of the angles, eyther in the nighte or daie byrthe, cauſeth madneſſe, and ſpecially when Cancer, Virgo or Piſces, are founde in any of the angles. More ouer, Saturne in the houſes of the lights: that is to ſay, the Sunne or Mone, whiche are Cancer and Leo, it betokeneth the paſſion or hurt of the eyes.

Theſe ſignes, Aries, Cancer, Scorpius Capricorne and Piſces: do ſignify & cauſe biles, leproſy, red ſpotes, itches, ſcurfes, deafeneſſe, ſtuttinge, baldeneſſe, and a ſmal bearde.

Cancer, Scorpius, and Piſces, are ſigns of manye ſonnes or men childꝛen. Alſo theſe ſignes betoken the honeſty of women, their religion & purity of lyfe. Taurus, Leo, Aquarius.

Theſe ſignes haue reaſō and are called reaſonable ſignes, Gemini, Virgo, Libra the firſt part of Sagittarius & al Aquarius.

Signos

Signes mouing to anger are ſharpe-nes, are Aries, Leo, and Scorpio.

More ouer, Gemini, Virgo, and Libra cauſe great, loude, & ſhrill voices, Cancer, Scorpius, and Piſces, are domb, & without voice or ſounde.

There be thre planets which do gene riches: that is to ſay, Iupiter, the Sunne, and Venus. The Sunne alſo geueth wiſ-dome, Mercurie eloquence, and Venus goodlye vtterance or pronunciation.

There be alſo three ſignes oriental or of theaſt. Aries is the heart of theaſt. Leo the ſecond triplicitie and the left parte of theaſt, & Sagittarius his right part or ſide Capricorne is the hearte of the Southe, Taurus the left ſide, & Virgo the ryghte. Libra is the heart of the weſt, Aquarius the lift ſide, and Gemini the ryghte. Cancer is the heart of the norh, Scorpio his lefte parte, and laſte of all Piſces hys right ſide.

Wherfore, if you wil knowe to what ende thys reſpecte or diſpoſition of the ſignes doth belonge or attaine, you ſhal briefly hear. We haue ſaid there be thre

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signes oriental, or of the east, three meridional, three pertayninge to the northe, & thre to the West. The oriental signes profite vs, if that they rising, & the sunne beinge in them, we order & direct al our doinges to that coast, part, or place. As if that thou wilte leade an healthful lyfe, slepe quietly, prospere in childzen if thou be maried, or haue any thinge to succede or go forward. If thou wilt sel or make any bargaine, or hope for any honour or gaine, or any such like: to dirette al your doinges toward that place, in the which ỹ signes hauing respect to those things, are situate or placed. So contrariwise, if that we feare the euill successe of anye of those thinges, the contrarye signes are to be eschued. And in thys sorte may you iudge of the other signes. Also we haue made a larger discription hereof, where as we make mention of the qualitie & nature of the houses. Thus haue we here no lesse copiously then briefly discribed the nature of the faces of the signes, neyther do I perceaue how they coulde more compendiously haue bene tou-

touched, not iudgyng it of great effect to haue taried longe herein with great circumstaunces. All be it, they be necessary vnto Astrology, yet are they not of suche force (that as is saide in the Prouerbe, bothe shippe and helme were to be committed vnto them) or that the hole rule, and gouernance of Astrology did depēd on them. For as they can not well be lefte vnknowen, yet are they with suche a moderation to be learned and vnderstande, that vpon the knowledge of them a manne ought not to iudge hym self by and by an Astronomer. Wherfore, whosoeuer thou art that semest to be prōpēs or apt to this science, I warn thee to vse moderation, and to do nothing rashly, neither vnaduisedly to geue iudgement of any man hys natiuitie. There are so many thynges whereby we may be deceiued as the wisdom and circumspection of the man, the dispensatiō of God, and our vncertain iudgmēt. As for example, it may be that a man born vnder Aries, be very fierce and angry, who waying with him self the foulnes of the vice, doth moderat

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and suppresse his anger. If I thē should iudge this man an angrye or testy man, who would not mock me and laugh me to scorne, albeit nature and destiny do incline therunto: yet notwithstanding the sentence and iudgement is so to be tēpered and ruled, that withoute perfect respect had to al things, thou vtter nothing rashli. The which if you do not take hede of, be assured you shal neither Prognosticate or foreshewe any truthe: but also become a mockyng stocke to all men.

And this I do euerye where admonishe you of, because I haue known many to haue erred and bene fouli disceiued: who thinking them selfes sure, haue bene (as they saye) sixtene fote of from the marke or prycke.

Certaine cannons or rules vpō ſicknes or diſeaſes, by what meanes the patientes may be cured and holpen by the aſpectes of the ſignes.

The Preface.

THE folithe and aduiſed ſorte of Phiſitions whyche in theeſe oure dayes we ſe ſo much to aduaunce them ſelues, and claime vnto them ſelues the ſupremacy ouer vs, albeit they be commaunded bi their auctours not to take in hand to cure any mā without hauing reſpecte vnto the Starres. So farre are they diſtaunt from the true knowledge of Phiſicke, which are ignorāunt of Aſtrology, that they ought not rightlye to be called Phiſitions, but diſceauers. Howbe it, it is now come to this poynt, that amongeſt an hundred you ſhal ſcarſelye finde one, the which can truely diſcerne what time euerye medicine ought to be miniſtred. The which is no maruaile, for how can they finde any time to beſtow or occupy them

them selues in Astrologye, whiche haue no leasure to read Galene or Hipocrates, but to do al things a hed or vnaduisedlie by certaine prescripte receiptes. Like as there was a certaine (no simple man) at Moguntia, whom you woulde haue iudged to haue bene the thirde Cato or another Galene, if that grauitie would helpe any thinge thereunto. This man being moste rude and vnlearned, vsed two receiptes, from whence he had drawen the I knowe not. There was in them .3. ℔. of Elleborus, or so muche scamonie, to purge the womb. These he ministred by course, without hauing respect eyther to the complexion or sickness: by the whiche vaine trifles he scraped together so much money, that being deade, he lefte behinde him .3000. gilders. He iudged the whole effect of this science to consiste in losinge of the bealy. Such effect hath auctority and boldenes in Phisicke. These sorte of rude and grosse men the whiche disdaine to learne, we will neither admonish nor yet reduce into the right way. But vnto others whiche intende hereafter to bee

Phiſitions, we will preſcribe certain rules whereby ſetting apart all olde vaine trifles, they may learne from aboue to helpe the patient or diſeaſed. For it hath bene manye times experimented and proued, that that which manye Phiſitions could not cure or remeadye with their greateſt and ſtrongeſt medicins: the Aſtronomer hath brought to paſſe with one ſimple herbe, by obſeruinge the mouinge of the ſignes, the which we haue wholly deuided in Canons.

The firſt Cano. There be four ſignes the which beholde or gouerne the inward partes of a man, the which Phiſitions do cal the ſpiritual mẽbres. Thoſe are Cancer, Leo, Virgo, and Libra. Of theſe Cancer beholdeth the Liuer, ỹ lunges, and the hart ſtrings. Leo gouerneth the ſtomacke, and the mouth therof, Virgo the nether parte of the ſtomacke, the bealy, the midriffe, and the bowels. Libra hath reſpect to the nether part of the bealy, the loynes, and the nauell.

The. ii. Canon. Cancer which gouerneth

neth the lunges, engendreth the cough, the pertiſes, and Pleuriſie. Leo cauſeth impoſtumes, iaunders, feuers, and peſtilence. Virgo, the ſwellinge of the bealye, the dropſy, and aches of the belly, and chollicke. Libra cauſeth the exulceration of the bowels, pain in the bealy, & about the ſmall of the backe: and chiefly if the ſignes aforeſaid happē into thoſe houſes which are naturally euil. Such as are ỹ vi. houſe, the. 8. and. 12. houſe from the aſcendent or Horoſcope.

The. iii. Canon. He whiche is borne vnder Taurus for the moſt part ſhalbe in peril by poyſon, witchcraft, or the colick: and ſpecially in the fatall yeres, whyche are in the. 6. viii. xviii. xx. xxiii, xliiii. according to the reuolution of euerye twelfe yere, beginninge at the. viii. yeare of the natiuitie. And becauſe that Taurus doth gouerne the throte, thei do alſe refer vnto him the ſquinancy & al impoſtumes & biles which happē in the throte, ỹ which when the expert Phiſition dothe vnderſtande and know, let him take hede that he miniſter not vnaduiſedly.

For this is almoste a general rule, that the Sunne, or rather the Mone beinge in any signe which beholdeth any member hered or diseased: during that reuolutiō, there be no medicine ministred therunto or els that it be ministred in suche sorte, not to cure or heale, but to comforte and nourish, least that it decline into a worse estate, vnto such time as the Sunne be remoued out of that signe.

The. 4. Canon. They whyche are much hered or troubled with the Strangulion or stone, or with any such kind of diseases, moste commonly are borne, the Sunne being in Aries or Gemini.

The. 5. Canon. They that haue Pisces in their ascendent, or are born vnder Pisces, are in daunger of hote infirmities: as hote feuers, knawynge of the bealye, and poyson, because of Libra and his lord of the. viii. house. These diseases shall partlye happen by harlottes, and euill women, and specially in the. 44. 56. 78. yeres, in the which he shalbe in great daunger of death. Wherefore, the wise phisition oughte carefullye to obserue

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those things. There be also certaine euil times & yeres of a mās life, which are at euery seuen yeres end: so ỹ euery seuenth yere is perilous. Wherfore, if ỹ wilt prolong the dates of thy life: as oftē as thou comest to enery. vii. or ix. yere, (if ỹ geue ani credit to Marsilicus ficinus or Firmicus) diligently consult with an Astronomer, from whence, and by what meanes any pearil or daunger maye happen or come vnto thee, thē either go vnto a phisicion or vse discression and temperāce, and by that meanes thou maist defer & prolong thy natural ende, throughe the rules of Astronomie, & the helpe of the phisition. Neither bee ashamed to enquire of the phisition, what is thy natural diet: & of the Astronomer, what starre dothe most support and fauour thy life, and to se in what aspect he is with the Mone. Lykewise, in the beginninge of thy sickenesse to behold the Sunne in the daye, and the Moone in the nyghte. They, if they be letted or hindred, there muste be greate hede and diligence be had vppon the pacient. The like is to be feared in all sick-

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The.9.Canon. Thei that haue Virgo in their Horoscope, or els are borne vnder Virgo, for the mooste parte haue the natural infirmitie of the legges or feete swollen: the legges runnyng with corrupte and filthye matter, or elsse the eye liddes or chekes ful of pimples. In likewise, great paines in the heade throughe the exhalation of humours out of the fete vnto the heade. The whiche paines are sone delaied and ap eased by cutting the swellinge of the feete. And so muche the rather if Saturne be in Virgo at the time of natiuitie. Wherfore, if thou diligētly consider it, thou shalt perceiue and see it to be a natural disease, and for the moste part ineuitable. And therfore onlye to be auoided and put of by the natural obseruation of the signes. Such ought to abstaine from hote houses, whether they be to washe or sweate in, which if they can not altogether eschue, let them abstayne Tuesdaies and Saturdais, and the euel monethes & yeares before prescribed: because ẏ at those times more then at anye other, they do most vehemently pour out

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their mischief and poyson. Let them also refraine from al Autumnal frutes.

The. 10. Cannon. The infortunate dayes vnto such as are borne vnder Leo are Saterday and Thursday, the which thing must be taken hede of in their diet, for all sharpe and pepered meates, are hurtful for thē. Moreouer, they may take no drinckes or purgations. And in lyke case when the Sunne remoueth oute of Leo, and cometh vnto Capricorn or Pisces, they must abstein frō al kind of salte fish and diminution or letting of bloud.

The. 11. Canon. If that anye manne chaunce to fal sicke, the Sunne beinge in Aries, and thou be admitted or called for phisition: vnderstand that he in especial, engendreth the paines of the heade, and deafenesse, therof with ẏ dulnes of sight Wherfor, beware that thou ministter no hote bathes or stewes, because of Mars, and specially in October, whē the sunne doth possesse Scorpio, neither geue hym in his diet, any Mutton, Rammes flesh, or Lambe, neither suffre him to washe his head vpon the Tuesdaies, Wedens-

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dales, because of Mercury being Lord of Virgo in the. vi. house, whereas Mars also doth principlye reioyse, and Scorpius in the eight house, for then thei prolong the sicknes, not only because the. vi. house is mansion of sickenesse: as also that Virgo is a signe colde and drye, earthlye and Melancholye. Not withstandinge, thys hope remaineth that the patient shal not depart. And albeit as Scorpio, as is aforsaide, be in the eight house whiche is the mansion of deathe, because that Mars is Lord of the same signe, it prevayleth nothing, for no evil Planet is noysome or hurtful in his proper mansion or house: and suche kinde of menne moste of all, shall be withoute pearill of the sweard. Wherfore after his recouery or amendmente, you muste warne the patiente that he do not take in hande anye iourney, the Sunne beinge in Pisces, whyche is the. 12. house from the Horoscope.

Or elles not to haue to do wyth notaries or scribes, grauers, or gold smithes, Also that he abstaine from wemen, and horses. For by al these thinges infirmi-

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tie or sickenesse maye happen vnto him, by reason of the. vi. house, whyche is the house of sickenesse, and chiefly in Auguste the Sunne hauing his courte in Virgo.

The. 12. Canon. In like manner, the noumber of the yeares of the patient are diligentlye to be obserued and marcked, for alwaies euerye. vii. and. ix. yeare, are mortal and deadly, and are called of the Astronomers: the perylous tyme of a mans life at euerye. vii. yeares end. The cause thereof, is the greate mutatyon and chaunge of the bodyes, that happeneth in those yeres. For Saturne, whyche in the other yeares is farre dystaunte from vs, is then ioyned to the Moone, which is the lowest planet of al. Wherfore you muste obserue in the reuolution of the yeares, the aspectes of those Planettes: and thereby iudge whether there be anye daunger towarde the patiente or not, or whether Saturne or Mars which also gouerneth euery. ix. yeare, be in strengthe or power to woorke theyr malice vpon vs, or elsse if that anye good or fauorable Planet, haue the rule or dominion

minion ouer hym. And by this meanes ꝑ shalt not only put away the sickneſſe: but also throughe the engines of Astronomie, defer and prolonge the fatal ende and deathe.

The.13. Canon. Alwayes the diet of the patient is to be enquired, secondlye the Horoscope of the nativity, and then by a figure erect to behold the starres of the planets, and by the situation of thē in their houses to know their strength & operation with the cause of the infirmitie, and the Lord of the birthe: and so by the contrary qualities of the signes, to driue awai the diseaſe, as we wil declare hereafter by examples.

The.14. Canon. Furthermore, you muſt note and marke euery. vii. day, and the courses. For therby is life or deathe to be toked or hoped for: but whyche be those Cretical dayes, we haue referred to be learned of the Phiſition. And for as much as examples do moſt inſtructe and teach, we haue annexed one. It may happen peraduenture, that in the beginning of the sickeneſſe the Moone be in Aries,

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which is a hot and dry sign, & according to his nature, doth inflame the diseases. Here thou maiest admonish the sick person to be pacient, and that hys paine wil be delayed at the, vii. day, at which time the Mone wil be remoued into Cancer. For Cancer being colde and moiste, and being a quartil aspect vnto Aries: except the sickneste be very furious, wil moderate the same through his coldneste and moistures. The which thinge if thou diligently attēd and mark, thou shalt sone perceiue and vnderstād. And in like sort thou must work by the other signs, considering how by signs of like nature, diseases are augmented and increased: & by the cōtraries, they be cured and holpen.

The. 15. Canon. In lykewise the seconde number of daies is to be obserued and marked, whiche is the. 14. daye, the whiche dothe gene a certaine and determinate iudgemente, by meanes of the ful Moone, not so much for the Crises as for the influence of the Mone being then in oppositiō. As Aries, & Libra, Taurus, and Scorpio.

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The.16. Canon. The medicines thē ſelues haue likewiſe their proper ſignes neither are they indifferentlye to be miniſtred at all times. For ſome ſerue for gargles, ſome for ſuffumigations, and other ſome for pottons or drinks. Wherfore to auoide tediouſneſſe, I will comprehende all theſe in oure Canon. The Mone being in Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius, it is good to corroborate and ſtregth the vertue attractiue in a man.

Under Virgo and Taurus the vertus retentiue, the digeſtiue in Gemini, Libra, and Capricorne, gargiles, vomettes, and ſuffumigations, are to be miniſtred, the Mone beinge in Aries, and ſometime only gargles in Taurus. Lazatiues ly drink in Scorpio, by electuari in ♋, by Pilles, (if you will) in Piſces, in Gemini and all comfortable medicines is to be receiued and taken. In Libra or Scorpio, ſuppoſitores or gliſters.

The.18. Canon. In the miniſtringe of purgations, there is greate reſpecte to be had vnto the Mone, and her aſpectes. For the beinge in Cancer, and hauynge

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a trine or ſextile aſpecte wyth Venus, it is good to pourge cholere, haunynge the lyke aſpectes with the Sunne: is good to pourge flegme, and with Iupiter melancholye, either by pilles or by gobbets, called of the phiſitians Boli. But if thou wilte pourge by drinkes: vſe the ſame aſpectes in Scorpio, and likewiſe in Piſces for miniſtringe of pilles. And if that two Planettes at one time be in the aſpectes aforeſaide with the Mone, two purgations may be taken at once. As for example, if the Mone be at one time in a trine or ſextile aſpect with Venus & the ſunne, you may pourge bothe Choler & flegme together.

The.19.Canon. Suche as haue in the roote of their natiuity, Mars in Aries or on his triplicitie, are colericke, for the moſt part in daūgers of hot feuers, by aboundance of cholere, Frenſye, puſhes or biles comming of blud, ſcuruy itch, burnynges, and ſuche diſeaſes as conſume and eat the fleſh, the holi fire. The which diſeaſes if they can not vtterlye be auoyded and eſchued: the Phiſition or ſurgean

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must take diligēt hede that he may dryue awaye the diseale by the rules of qualities of the signes before expressed.

The.20.Canon. The like is to be vnderstande of al those with Mercury euill placed in the house of Mars, the whyche when thou perceiuest in anye natiuitye: iudge therby hote feuers, pimples rising of bloud, the canker, the kinges euel, and holy fire, darkneſſe of the eyes, ſuffocation, and moreouer, horrible and fearefull thoughts & vexations of the minde. Except there come any temperament vnto the Mone, eyther in the signes or places appoynted vnto Venus, and ſpecialye in collericke men.

The.22.Canon. The infirmities of the flegmaticke, are of an other ſort: for vnto them happeneth moſte commonlye the agewes called Quotidians, and are much vexed with cold, the whyche is perceiued by the Vrine, which for the moſte part is thicke and raw. Wherfore ſuche muſte vſe exercise and labour, and abſtaine from al fat fleſhe and ſwine fleſhe, alſo from cheeſe and milke, and from the mar-

marrowe and braines of beastes.

The.23.Canon. Saturne with the Mone engendreth the falling sickenesse, blacke chollere, leprosye and fistula. Also the morphew, goute, and oftentimes sodaine panges.

The whiche diseases when they happen are leasurelye and gentellye to be dealt withal, neither maist thou in suche case striue againste the Planets: excepte the medicine be such as will endeuoure with al force and strengthe, to expel and driue away the sickenesse, and pull it vp cleane by the rotes. Also, if anye man be borne, at the time of the coniunction of the Sunne and Mone: alwayes that natiuitye is iudged euil, for it maketh men when they come to age, daungerously afflicted as it were with euil spirites, to be sickely, enclined to the falling sickenesse, to madnesse, and suche kinde of diseases, as may hardly and difficultye be cured by the Physition.

The.24.Cannon. You maye also iudge by the course of the Sunne, the sickenesse whiche we are in daunger of,

if that ye marke the month in which the man is borne. As for example. The man borne vnder Scorpio, shall be endomaged with the disease of the shoulders, the goute in the handes, and the contraction or conuulsion of the hãds or fingers. If it be a woman, it causeth the paine in the splene and stomacke. Likewise, they which are borne vnder Cancer, shall be vered with a drye scuruy itche, or roughnesse of skin, biles, and pushes. The women with knawyng in the bowels, and pearils by waters. Taurus bringeth the infirmities aboute the throate, and many other veratiõs of the body: & specially in the euil monethes & yeres prescribed. Also Leo causeth ỹ paines of ỹ stomack. And Aquarius engendreth quotidian feuers, as we haue briefly touched before.

The 25. Canon. This is also to be noted no lesse profitable vnto the sicke manne then to thee Phisition, that is to saye: if that the patiente haue Saturne or Mars in the seuenthe house, it is not conuenient to meddle, neither with phisition nor Phisicke: although the Lorde

of the house, be neuer so vnfortunate, for so Galene thoughte it meete. Also if the Phisition be Saturnine or Mertiall, suche as is the patiente: It is approued and knowen, that these kinde of menne are borne for the destructyon of mankinde. For it is vnpossible that they shoulde euer cure or helpe, or bring anye thinge prosperouslye to passe, excepte peraduenture amongest prophane and rusticall people. Suche one we haue knowen, a man surelye well learned, and in greate reputation amongest noble menne, in whome there wanted nothinge as touchinge the arte or science, howe be it beynge admitted eyther to prestes, noble men, or ecclesiasticall rulers, his labour and knowledge was alwaies frustrate & in vaine, and brought the most part of them to their ende: but contrarywise amongest the prophane and rude sorte, he did cures withoute anye difficultye or paine. Hereby you may perceiue as well in this as in all other thinges, of what force and strength the planets are. And this dare I be bolde

to profeſſe, that who ſo euer hathe Mars conioyned with Venus in the. vi. houſe, that he ſhall be an excellente Phiſition. And ſuche kinde of men, oughte not to geue them ſelues to anye other kynde of learning or knowledge. I could rehearſe vnto certain graue men, Phiſitions witneſſes hereof: vnto whome it is a redy & eaſy matter to cure and helpe: yea, euen without any pain or labour. And again, other ſome vnto whome it is ſo difficult and hard, that withal their poſſible endeuour, they can ſcarſly bring ani thing to paſſe, whoſe names we wil keepe vnder ſilence, leaſt we may ſeme to backbite or ſlaunder any man. Thus we haue briefly ſpoken, not hereby to expound al thinges which can not be done in fewe wordes: but to miniſter occaſion vnto Phiſitions, that beholding and cõſidering the vtilitie and profite of Aſtronomye, they may with their whole power and endeuour embrace the ſame, and therbi learn not only by the preſcript rules of men to helpe the diſeaſed: but alſo by their own wit and engine to put away the diſeaſes

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men without medicines. For every sick man is not of that sort that he can beare salues or medicines. For some by diet, & others by obseruations of the signs may be cured and holpen. Scorn vs who will, we verely haue written these thinges of a sincere minde and affection, intending shortly to set forth greater thinges. But first we thought it good to declare the thinges in general: and afterward the some and effect wheron the matter dependeth.

A compẽdious

discription of Naturall Astrologye, neuer so brefely handled before.

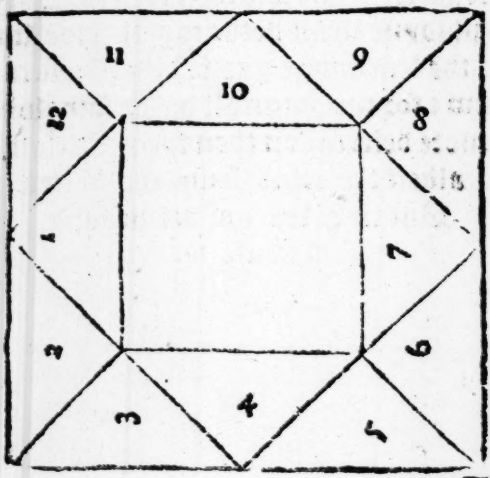
Made by Ihon Indagine Preest.

Irst of all and chiefelye, it is mete to refell and put of the obiectyons of suche as obiecte and saie: that beside the Sunne and the Mone we attribute verye little or nothinge at all to the other Planets, but do collocate and set the whole summes power of Astrologye in them two onelye. Wherefore let euerie man vnderstande and knowe, as muche vertue and force to be in them two, as in all the other. And that the Sunne hathe the whole power and gouernance in the daie, and the Moone in the night, so that it is not neadefull to haue

haue respecte to anye of the other Planettes And thys is the onelye difference betwene naturall and Artificiall Astrologye, that that thinge whiche artificial Astrology dothe by the seuerall obseruations of euerye Planet and Horoscope: the same doth natural Astrologye bring to passe by the onely obseruation of the motion of the Sunne and Mone. Or els they are so knitte and toyned together, that the one without the other can not well be learned or vnderstande. Wherfore, he shall not lose his laboure whych shall toyne them bothe together, as well for the learnynge, as for the pleasure of them: for the naturall hathe somewhat more delectation then the artificiall, albeit the other seme the better.

But now we wil define what a house is.

A House is a certaine space in the firmamēt deuided by certaine degrees, by the which the planets haue their motion, so Metaphorically called. For as in a house there be many mantions: so euery planet hath his proper place in the heauen or firmament, by the whiche they do moue, and in the whiche they be resident and situate. And it is called the discription or diuision of the signs by .30. degrees, for euerye house or signe hathe 30. degrees.



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The number of the houses.

As the Astronomers do make mentiō in their common Rithmes, there be xii. houses, the which we wil here ascribe with their interpretations.

The first is interpreted the house of life.

The.ii. the house of facultīes or substāce called also of thimportunity of the place, the gate of hell.

The.iii. is the mansion of brethren.

The.iiii. beinge the bottome of the heauens, and the angle of the earthe, is the house of parentage.

The.v. is the pleasure of Venus, the house of children.

The.vi. of euill fortune, seruaunts, sickneſſe, and the pleasure of ♂.

The.vii. being oppolite to the firſte, is the house of mariage and open enemies.

The.viii. is the house of death.

The.ix. of religion or long iourneys, the delite of the Sunne.

The.x. beinge the middle of the firmamēt, is the house of rule or gouernance.

The.xi. is the house of Fortune, the exaltation of Iupiter.

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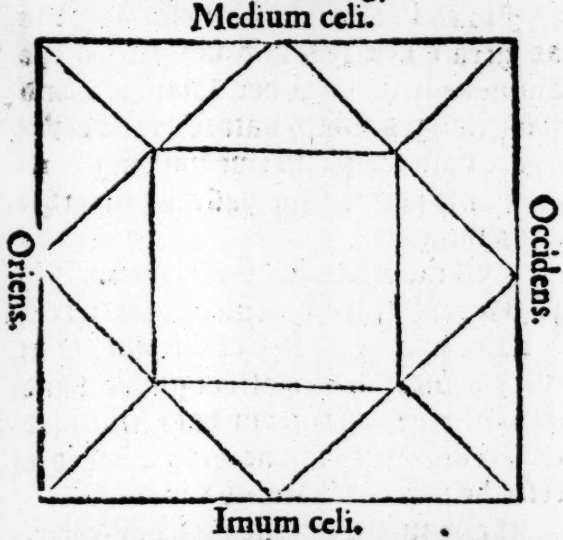
The.xii. is the house of prisons, euil fortune, the pleasure of Saturne.

¶ Of the principall Angles or houses of the heauen or firmament.

Amongest these.xii. there be certaine which are called ỳ principall angles or corners of the firmament, whiche are the first, the tenth, the seuẽth, the fourth. The firste is the angle of the Easte, the Horoscope of the birth, and the house of Aries. The seconde is the midst of heauen, and the house of Capricorne. The thirde is the angle of the west, and perteyneth to Libra. The fourth of Firmicꝰ is called the bottome of the firmament. And in these foure almoste the whole iudgement dothe depende and consiste. For they are the principall angles and houses, & the planets haue more power and strength in them then in any of the other.



I Judge it but ſuperſticious vnprofitabli to intreate muche of the beginninge of the natiuitie, becauſe it doth rather pertain to artificial Aſtrology: as of the fal of the ſede into the wombe, and the aſcendent of the hour of the natiuity, which (as I ſaid) pertaineth to an other kind of ſpeculation. Our intention at this preſent is fullye derected to the Sunne, & the ſigne wherein the Sunne is the daye of natiuitie.

For as Ptolomy is witnesse, there are as greate effectes and vertues in the Sunne as in all the other Planets. And those thinges which nature & long experience hath taught vs: we wil make euident vnto you, letting passe all superstitious thinges.

Of the effectes of the Planets.

First of all it is conuenient to declare ỹ natures and effectes of the planets in euery house, ỹ which although we haue sufficiẽtly handled in our boke intituled Octocedron, yet I am nothing abashed to describe it here the second time.

If any man be borne betwene the.x. or.xi. daye of Marche, (when the Sunne commonlye dothe enter into Aries, and cõtinueth there through thre decanes or faces, vnto the.x. or.xi. daye of Aprill, Mars is founde Lord in the daye of natiuitie: who beinge by nature fierye, and Aries likewise, doth augmẽt and increse his heat and fury, and all other euil dispositions, more then if he had ben in an earthly or watery signe.

Saturnus whersoeuer he be, and spe-

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cialllye in the. vi. viii. or. xii. house, is the aucthour of all miseries, calamityes, laboures, and sickenesse.

Venus being temperat, causeth a mã to be a louer of women, of playes, songes and bankettes, and all thinges pertaining vnto mirth.

Mercury is the minister and geuer of wisdome and eloquence, lawes, rethoricke, subtile workes, merchaundise, and suche like.

The Mone causeth madnesse, vnstedfastnes, moistnesse, and slouth.

Iupiter in the angles is the auctor of beauty, richesse, honor, and rule.

The Sunne in the ascendente, or in the angles maketh a greate and honourable personage, and had in reputation amongste princes and greate men.

The signes also causing beauty, are Gemini, Libra, Virgo, and the first parte of Sagittarius.

Workers of meane beauty, Scorpio, Capricorne and Pisces.

Barren signes, are Gemini, Leo, virgo

Causinge defection or lacke of chil-

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dzen, Aries, Taurus, Libra, Sagittarius, Capricorne and Aquarius.

Meane and without voyce, Cancer, Scorpio, Piſces.

Miniſtring reaſon, Virgo. Libra, Aquarius, Gemini.

The qualities of the ſignes I iudge are wel inough knowen.

Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius, are hot and dzye.

Taurus, Virgo, Capricorne, melancholike, colde, and dzye.

Cancer, Scorpio, and Piſces, are colde, moyſt, and watery.

Gemini, Libra, Aquarius, are hotte, moyſt, and airye.

And thus always thze ſigns agreing in one nature, do make a triplicitie. And euerye Planette likewiſe haue certayne powers and effectes in theyz pzyuate oz pzoper houſes, as foz example.

Aries and Scorpius, are the houſes of Mars.

Taurus and Libra, of Venus.

Gemini and Virgo, of Mercury.

Sagit-

Sagittarius and Pisces, are the houses of Iupiter.

Capricorne & Aquarius, are attribute to Saturne.

The Sunne hathe onlye one house, which is Leo.

The Mone possesseth also Cancer.

Euery sign hathe likewise his proper signification in the creation of the mẽbers of mans body.

Aries hath of the body of man, the hed and the face.

Taurus the necke, and the throte bole.

Gemini, the shoulders, armes, and handes.

Cancer the brest, the heart, stomack & ribbes, splene, and longes.

Leo the nether part of the stomacke, backe, and sides.

Virgo the belly or midriffe, Diaphragma and bowels.

Libra the loyns, the nether part of the belly and nauel.

Scorpio the priuye membres, stones, blather, and thighes.

Sagit-

Sagittarius the buttocks with the apportenances. And Capricorne the knees. Aquarius the legges, Pisces the fete and soules.

Certaine vvorthy notes concernyng the sunne and Mone.

LEaste that anye shoulde herein be deceiued, we thinke it not mete to be let passe, concerning the sunne and Mone, the which al be it they be the chiefe and princes of the Planettes: yet are they neuer Lordes of the natiuity, as for example. If ☽ Mone be in Gemini, or in Cancer, whiche is her owne house, when a childe is borne: yet shall not the Moone haue the dominion of the byrthe, but it shalbe imputed to the Lord of the house following. So likewise, if a man be born the Sunne being in Leo, which is his proper house: yet he loseth the dominion of the natiuitye, and is deriued vnto Mercury being patrone of the next mansion Virgo. Againe, the Mone being in Virgo, Venus is Ladye of the birth, because of Libra following which is the house of Venus. Neither is it vnprofitable to admonish

monish you also of this, which I perceiue euery wher to be doubted of, that ỹ euel planets as Saturn and Mars, are not so hurtful & pernicious in their own proper houses, as thei be in ỹ mansiõs of others I will propound an example of the firste signe, wherby it may appeare more euident. We will set the Sunne to be in the time of some natiuitye in Aries, whose nature you al ready know, and what effect he worketh being in the Horoscope. Then in the reciion of the figure, ioyne Mars with Aries beynge Lorde of the house: and thereby iudge that he whiche is born shal liue long. Notwithstãding, Mars who although he be nought, and il, yet he doth not so much pour out & shew his malice being in his own house, as if he were in another house, sauing that in stede of hurt by the sword, he threatneth sodeine sickenesse, because Mars being in Scorpio, the. viii. house, neyther shall those sickenesse bring death. And this is for an exãple. The like is also to be vnderstãd of Saturn, being in Capricorn or in Aquarius. And lest we may seme here

vtterly to neglect artificial Astrology, ỹ which we do not denye, but to be requisite, to the vnderstãding of the natural. Wherefore, we minding to declare the force & strẽgth of the signes, we wil first do it by artificial Astrologye: so that any mã lacking Firmicus and his tables: hauing a plaine Astrolobe, and beholding thascendent at thoure of ỹ natiuity, may by these smal instructiõs geue iudgmẽt. And after this in order, in another phrase I wil do the same by natural Astrology the which shal helpe the artificial.

Of the first house and horoscope in Aries

IF any man wil peraduenture demaũd what operation & effect the Horoscope in Aries doth worke in vs. First of all I admonish thẽ that the stars or signes do not puoke or force vs to any thing, but only doth make vs prone & apt: & beinge so apt, they do moue & stir vs vp vnto the things we are so prone vnto. Frõ whose motion we are fre and oute of daunger, that folowing the rule and gouernãce of reasõ, they shal haue no effect in vs. But if cõtrariwise, we onli folow our naturall

stinction they shal worke the same effect in vs, that they do in a manner in brute beastes. Wherfore, thys Horoscope maketh them which are borne, florishing in youth, without brethren, or one at the most, if they be fortunate: hauing a mutable inheritance, now gotten, now lost, and now lost, and strait recouered again inclined to the diseases of the hed, rather then to ani other sickenesse (because Aries hath chief respect to the hed). For ỹ most part bestowing his labor & good wil vpon vnthankful persons, & specially Aries being in the Horoscope. Nexte after the Horoscope, must hede be taken vnto the chiefe angles, & what signe is in eche angle, which may easily be reckened, by the fingers or els bi a figure erect, as for example. Aries being in the first house. Cancer possesseth the nether part of the heauen, Capricorne the midst, and Libra the west, and now we wil shew, what thes principal angles do promisse.

Capricorne in the midst of the heauē doth distern honors, riches, promottions, secretes of religion, and a suttel wit.

Libra in the weſt ſheweth the life and courtly maners, the which life few do allow: for it is vnconſtant, caſting down a man from honor and reputacion, into infamy and reproche: for tune nowe flattering and laughing vpon him, and by and by bering him with ſondry miſeries and calamities, ſo that he ſhal haue no commodity or gaine, without incomoditye and loſſe. Al this ſhal happen through emulation or the deſpite of his companions. But al theſe euils, whatſoeuer they are,

Cancer

Cancer in the nether part of the heauen doth amend and recompence. We haue ioyned hereunto a figure, by the whiche as in a table you may perceiue all thinges perfectly.

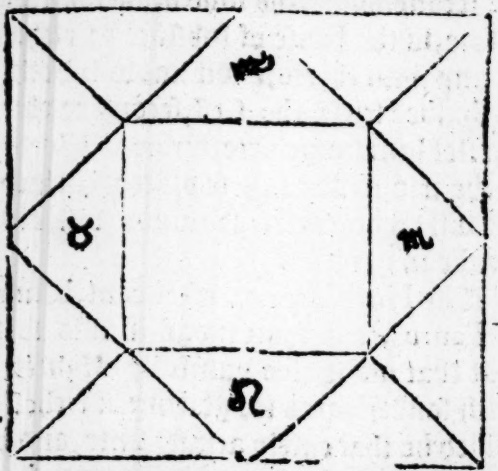
Of the second house and Horoscope in Taurus.

NExt after Aries, Taurus doth orderly follow, and is placed in the figure to the second house: the which, as we saide before, is the house of substãce or riches. If any man therfore wil know whether he shalbe rich in the first, second, or third age: let him iudge according to ỹ lordes of the triplicities & their places. Whiche we wil do hereafter. Now we wil only speake in general.

The Horoscope or ascendent, beinge in Taurus, thou shalt iudge in this sort: that that mã shalbe painfully disquieted with sondry cares for getting of richesse, which he shal easely attain vnto, and be as apt to lose the same againe, and shall triumph ouer his enemies.

Aquarius also in the middest of heauē maketh him acceptable vnto Princes & great men, and geueth him rule in publike affaires and offices, and peraduenture in busines perteinynge to waters, because he semeth to be moste geuen to the nature of the water.

Scorpius in the west causeth a harty & beneficial person, the which shal lose hys wife, if it be a woman, she shal lose both her husband, and her sonne or childe.



Leo in the nether parte of the heauen

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causeth him to chalenge his patrimonie, the which (notwithstandynge al the endeauours & lyng in wait of his kinred) he shal obteine and get.

Of the ascendent in Gemini.

WHosoeuer hathe this Horroscope, shal haue prosperitie & good fortune by his parentes, brethren, frendes, kinsfolke, and great men.

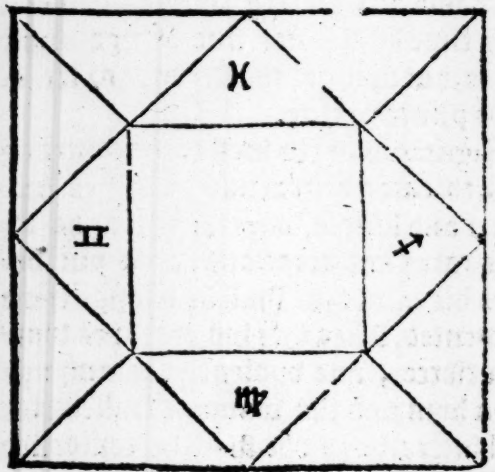
Accordyng vnto Firmicus, Pisces being in the middest of the heauen, causeth the which are so borne, to get their liuynge by moiste and watery thinges, howbeit for a time he shal not liue of hys owne costes, but shal get the stipende or fee of some prince or citie.

Sagittarius in the west dothe contrariwise threaten destruction vnto hys brethren and kinred, whereby throughe diuers cares and verations being put besides his minde, he shall be a longe tyme tormented. After this his enemyes waxinge fierce, and vyolentlye commynge vpon hym, and the waues of mischiefes styll increasynge: he shall be compelled to forsake hys owne natyue countrey,

and ſhal be baniſhed & driuen awaye as Cain was, vntil at lengthe by the helpe of God, he ſhall be reſtored into his former eſtate and condition.

Virgo likewiſe in the bottome of the heauen doth threaten the very ſame, but by chaunge and increaſe of time (accordynge to the ſtate of the incommodities and hurtes) it doth increaſe abundaunce and good fortune.

Here you may behold the figure.



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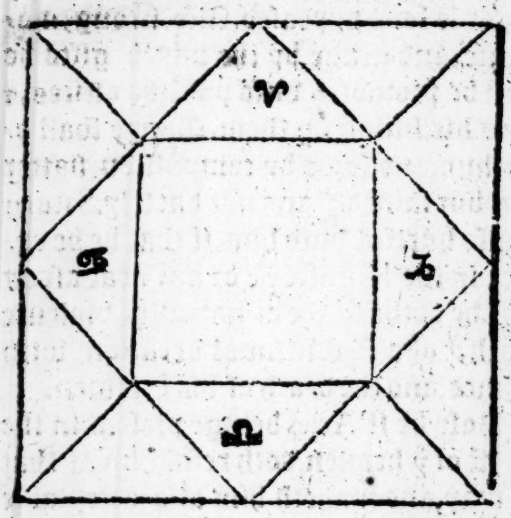
Of the Horoscope in Cancer.

Cancer in the Horoscope doth dispose the natural disposition, and al other fortune in this sorte. It maketh a man of a quicke and subtile wit, albeit somewhat slowe, pleasaunt, quiet, and anggry, earnestly pursuynge all euil persons, whose anger is sone appeased. Also strong, moderate, and graue, by the which gifts he shall be promoted vnto publike offices, & haue his liuing by them. Many shall obey him, and some by compulsion flatter him but fainedly and not hartely. Saturn is also hurtful vnto him, if that he be eyther in the Horoscope or ani near aspect For he dothe forshew not onlye violente death, but also continual veration with sicknes, and the death of his brethren.

How be it Aries beinge present in the midst of ỹ heauen, doth resist him al that he may, and maketh him also acceptable vnto princes and great men, desirous of good thinges, also wastyng and recouerynge again his patrimony & inheritãce.

With like clemency Capricorn in the occidẽt shal cause him to be spotted with infamy,

infamy, which he shal shortly after wipe away, and many other misfortunes, and shal restore him into his former estate. And shal also encourage him to seke out hidden and secrete things, but not without great veration and trauaile.



Libra in the bottome bringeth sorow vpon sorow, dispersyng the patrimonye, and getting it againe, preferrynge hym to publike or ciuil offices, wherby great and secreate affayres shall be committed

ted vnto hym, which are not accustomed to be committed, but onlye vnto verye good menne.

And where as Saturne before in the Horoscope doth threate a violent death, Libra doth alienate the same, promisinge an honest death and burial. And if Iupiter be in the signe folowynge, it causeth the first childe to be a sonne.

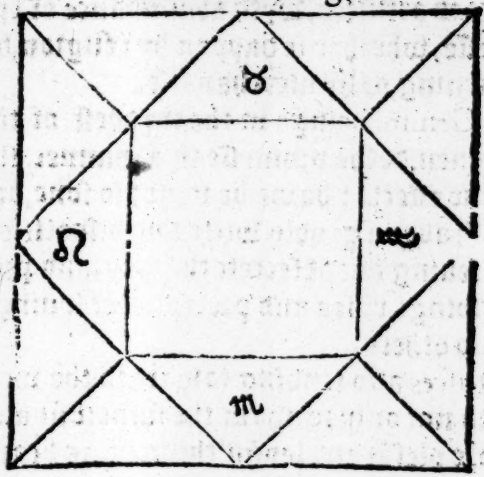
Of the Horoscope in Leo.

They also which haue Leo in the Horoscope for the moste parte are troubled with businesse not pertaynynge to them selues, whereby they get them selues immortall name and fame, preferring them selues vnto other nations, louing libertie, neither willyngly suffering subiection: bestowynge al their laboure and trauayle to prescribe lawes and ordinaunces to other. Mars in the artificial figure being opposite vnto Leo dothe to al effectes denye men chyldren: except Iupiter beinge present do appease his rigour, who peraduenture will geue a daughter.

Taurus

Taurus in the midst of heauen, causeth him to be suspect amongste Princes and great men, and maketh him a ruler of publike offices. Also promoted into dignities by great men, witty in al thinges, and likewise fortunate in all thynges but only in mariage, for because he shal refuse the most honest and beautiful women, and marry either an old womã, or a womã of euel name, or els a widow

Aquarius being in the occident dothe geue both increase and losses, Scorpius in the nether parte of the heauen, maketh him a ruler ouer certaine affaires. And they also haue Taurus in the middest of the heauen, whome Mars beholdynge with a contrary aspect, doth threaten both imprisonment, and also death in a straunge place or countrey.



¶ Of the Horoſcope in Virgo.

The Horoſcope in Virgo dothe vehementlye pꝛonoke a manne to lechery and riotte, and cauſeth hym to bee ſo farre in loue with women, that he wold abuſe all women. It dothe alſo miniſter richeſ and religion, and maketh him ruler ouer aunſwers and oꝛacles, ſo that he ſhalbe thoughte to be of the nounber of the Goddes, wiſdye and cunnynge in all thynges, ſearchynge out all thynges

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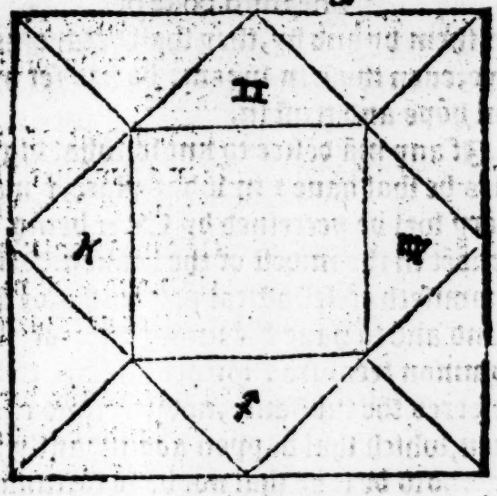
a good artificer, wyth aboundance of ryches, whether it happen by religion, by learning, or by merchandise.

Gemini beinge in the myddest of the heauen, dothe promysse in a manner the same effecte: howbe it, not so sone, but doth adde a goodly witte and disposition in seking out of secrete thinges, and prescribinge rules and preceptes of lyuinge vnto others.

Pisces also tending towardes the west doth not only forshow the same: but also more plesãt and ioyful thinges, as beauty or comlines, liberality, gentlenes and softnesse, with fauor & loue amongst mẽ.

Sagittarius doth adde vnto this the fauour and giftes of the goddes, as felicity and plenty of al thynges, as of children, ecclesiastical rule, and agility and quicknesse to do al these thinges. And thys is the destenye of him, whiche hath Virgo in hys Horoscope, the other three signes beynge also gathered, as you maye here perceiue.



Of the Horoscope in Libra.

LIbra being ascendente at the houre of natiuity, causeth sickneſſe, daungers, enemies, & great ſtrifes and debates, how be it, after all those daungers, it decreeth victory and triumphe. Also promotions, religion, sincerity, and integrity of iudgment. In nothing so vnfortunate as in bauinge of chyldren, for when he hath gotten certaine children, and begynneth to put all his hole confidence and truſte

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in them by and by, they shall decaye and dye, euen those in whome he had set hys ful hope and trust in.

If any mā desire to know what dignities he shal haue: in what place, ỹ may very wel be perceiued by Cācer being ascendēt in the midest of the heauen. Who promiseth ecclesiastical promotiōs, or stipend, and to haue his liuing oute of the common treasure. Hither also are to be referred the substance, nobility, and children, which shal happen abundantly in age: how be it he shal not be so fortunate in children, except Iupiter do behold him with some foundly aspect.

Aries being in the occident, shal minister all these thinges in watery places, or about the water: shal also bring him into great daungers, lōg iourneis, and desert places, into perils by his wife: and peraduenture into a frensye or madnesse til he draw in age, and then he shal haue an end of all these miseries.

Capricorne shall tosse him hither and thither, and seldome suffer him to be in quiet, nether wil he suffer his patrimont

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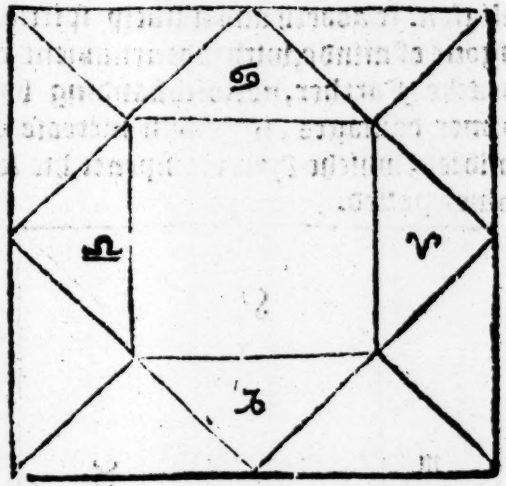
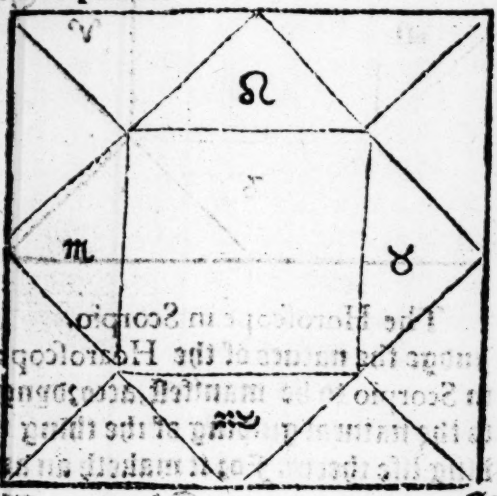
to be in surette, but now vp, now down, now loste, now recouered again: because for the most parte they be wanton whiche haue Capricorne in the nether parte of the heauen. Also he shall haue a sonne by an vnlawful woman.



The Horoscope in Scorpio.

I Judge the nature of the Hoaroscope, in Scorpio to be manifest, accordynge to the natural guidinge of the thing taking life therin. For it maketh an an-

grimā, priuily pouring out his poison, & backbiting with his pestilent tonge, very rich, and tossed with many perils, and thereby almost broughte to desperation: the which being somewhat quieted and pacified, he shall enioy a quiet fruite and vse of glorie, dignitie, ministration, and religion. It addeth also a liuely spirite & vigour of minde, with adournament of speache. Further, notwithstanding hys former damages, it geueth increase of children, whiche shal recompence his sorowes passed.



For so much as it happeneth seldome but ye thother principall angles perform the same which the ascendent dothe promise: so Leo possessinge the mioste of the heuen, doth promisse that which is aforsaid, adding therunto fortitude & strength to perform the same withal, geuing also dignitie, as an inmortal reward of verlue

Taurus in thuccident geueth him victory ouer his enemies, as wel priuye, as apert. Howbeit he shalbe infamed for lechery, the which he shal also wipe away by little and little, now encreasinge and augmenting his inheritaunce, and shortly dispersing and spoiling it again.

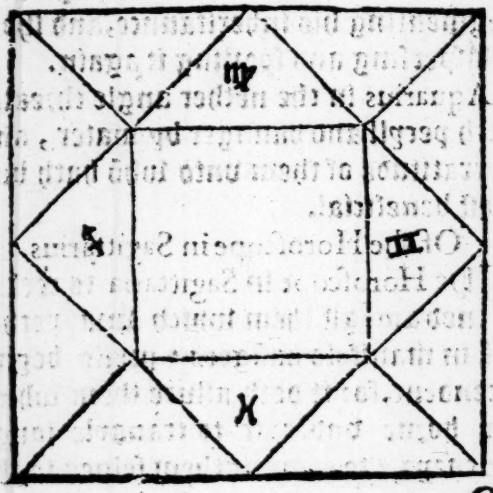
Aquarius in the nether angle threateneth peryll and daunger by water, and ingratitude of them vnto whō hath ben most beneficial.

Of the Horoscope in Sagittarius

The Horoscope in Sagittaria is reckened amōgst them which wrappeth a mā in manifold daūgers & perils beyng ascendent, for it doth allure them which are borne vnder it to trauayle longe iourneys, & to commit them selues to the

seas and great waters. It ministreth also naturally a prompt and readye wit to all good learnyng and discipline, so that they folow nature.

Wherfore, if Virgo happen to be in the middest of the heauen, it dothe augment his fortune, recompensyng the labours of his minde and wit with some notable preferment, by the which he shal excel others: vsing the same liberalitye in helpynge others, although they be vnthankeful.



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Gemini in the west geueth children neuewes by and by in the middle age, & shall geue him rule or office ouer bokes and secrete thinges.

Pisces in the nether part of the heaue geueth helpe out of watery places, maketh him faithful, to whom secrets may be committed, noble, either by blonde or gentlenes: whome, if Iupiter do beholde with any meane aspect, he shal marye a wife which hath bene defiled before, or an adulterous woman.

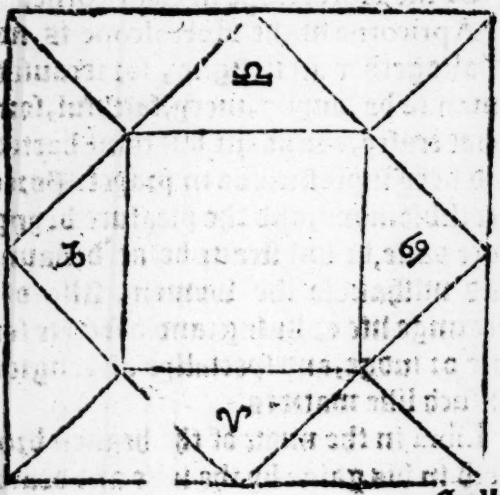
Of the Horroscope in Capricorne.

CApricorne in the Horroscope is not altogether an ill signe, for it causeth a man to be louyng, mery, faithful, somwhat crafty, abundant, but faint harted, and very superstitious in prayer. Moreouer, libidinous, and the pleasure beynge once passe, he wil straite be at defiaunce and mishandle the women. Also of a straunge life or liuing, and a secrete sensor or iudge, and specially of religion, or such like matters.

Libra in the midst of the heauen bringeth in his gaine by the losse and deathe

of others, maketh him also honest, godly, acceptable, eloquent, and learned: and in his necessitie mowynge & prayenge vnto God, wherby after all euils and misfortunes, he shall obteine a prosperous and happye age.

Cancer in the occidente stirreth vp all his frendes against him, and increaseth innumerable perilles and daungers towardes him. The same thing also Aries doth threten in the bottome of the heuē, for al his substaunce, dignities, & offices



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shalbe tossed to and fro, nowe vp, nowe downe, vntil at the length as is saide, Libra shal moderate the same, yet shall he not preserue his sonne or childe, but that he shalbe greuously vexed with sickness.

Of the Horoscope in Aquarius.

THe effecte of this Horoscope is suche that it maketh them meane ryche, promoted them vnto great men, and casteth them into manye daungers, out of the which, euen in the middle of desperatiō, he shal be releued by the help of god, It maketh them also kepers of hospitalitie, liberal, and prodigal, and a patrone to thē which seme to excel in good sciēces handling and dispensing holy matters.

Scorpius possessing the middest of the heauen, geueth strengthe, and causeth a harde and vile lyfe, neuer permanent or abidyng in one place, hauyng ill fortune by his wiues. But last of al, he shalbe deliuered out of al these euils by the helpe of good men. Leo in thoctoēt shall cause him to be often at variāce with his wife or concubine, he shal also mary with an olde woman, whyche shall flatter hym,

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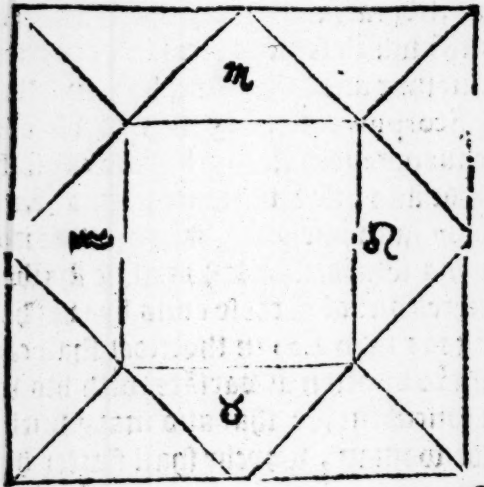
promisyng him greate giftes, but in her hart she shal loue other better then him. His owne houshold shalbe his enemies, by whose healpe his other enemies shal go aboute to destroye him. And he shal marie either another mans wife, or els a widdow.

Taurus in the nether angle, encreseth his glory and pompe which he is geuen vnto, enrichynge hym also wyth other mennes goodes, and causynge hym to liue longe.



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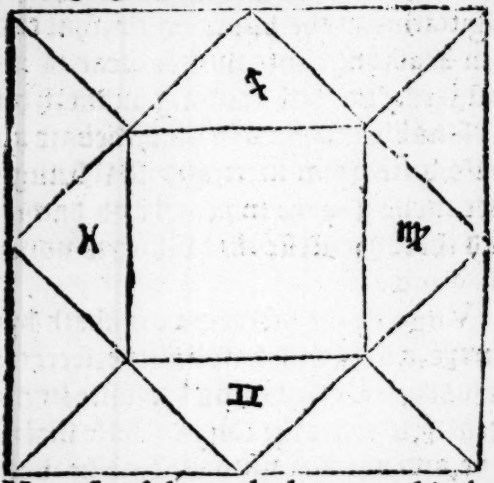
Of the Horroscope in Pisces.

PIsces maketh them very witty, bolde, harty, faithful, frendly, & somwhat hie minded, promoting them also to honor. Sagittarius in the vpper angle, shal caste him headlonge into manye perils and daũgers. Notwithstanding maketh him personable, and bold to moue debate and strife with great men, and shal bring other mens goodes in peril and danger, and therby possesse that which is none of his owne.

Virgo in the occidente, maketh hym hartye, a keper of hospitalitye, secrete, a stewarde, and one louing his wife immoderatly, whome she contrariwise shal not loue, and al other vnto whome he bathe benefitial, shalbe vnthankeful. Wherby he shalbe often vexed & troubled through his wife and children.

Moreouer, he shall be troubled wyth sickenesse, by reason of Gemini in the nether angle. He shal also haue a disease whome none shal know but him self, he shal lose his substaunce, and recouer the same againe, and also be holpen by hys frendes

frendes, leſt he might ſeme deſtitute. He ſhal ſurrendre his ſpirit to his maker in a ſtrange land or place, out of his owne country by ſodain death.



¶ Hereafter folovveth the natural iudgementes of Aſtrology, according to the reuolution of the Sunne, throughe the. xii. ſignes of the Zodiake.

Hytherto we haue intreated ỹ obſcure ſayinges of others, concernynge the iudgementes of the Horoſcope. But because we only promiſed to intreat briefli of thoſe thinges, which others haue hādled

led with long comentaries: some peradventure wold imputę theft vnto me, in adding other mens doing vnto mine. Of ẏ which theft I am nothing ashamed: for albeit ẏ theft in al thinges be reprehensible, yet in learning only it is cõmendable and praise worthy, & especially when that a man goeth aboute by the same to enucleat and discusse the darke & obscure sayinges of others. This we speake vnto such as enuy al our doinges, like as ẏ barbarous people, whiche being nether apt, nether prompt to any kinde of good learninge: yet they iudge all thinges in their owne tong and language vile and nought. Thou, whosoeuer thou art, that readest these things, rather waie and cõsider our minde & intent, then oure wordes, minding to teach and make euident al things vnto thee: whiche if it come otherwise to passe, it is contrarye to oure minde and purpose. Nowe we wil enter vpõ the natural iudgementes, where as briefly concerning Aries, it is in this sort.

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The Sunne in Aries.

The Sunne being in Aries, maketh the which are borne, nether rich, nether very poore Also angry, but some pleased, studious, eloquent, diuerse, proude, lyng, and luxurious, promising (as they say) mountains of gold, and performing nothinge, euel reported of amongste hys kinred, and shalbe brought in daunger by hys ennemies, whiche shalbe men of power. He shall be hurte by foure foted beastes, as being cast of a horse, he shall receiue great woundes with daunger of death. So much vnfortunate and auers shal al kinde of hauking, hūting, fishing and al thinges to be done on horseback, be, & happen vnto him: in other thinges he shalbe more fortunate and happy, and also long liued. Also if it be maid which is borne, she shalbe geuē to lyng, angry, faire, curious, delitting in new & straunge thinges, enuious and fruteful in childrē, whose first childe shalbe slaine: she shalbe in many perils and daungers, whereby she shal get a marke or skar in the head, or elles be naturally marked there, or in

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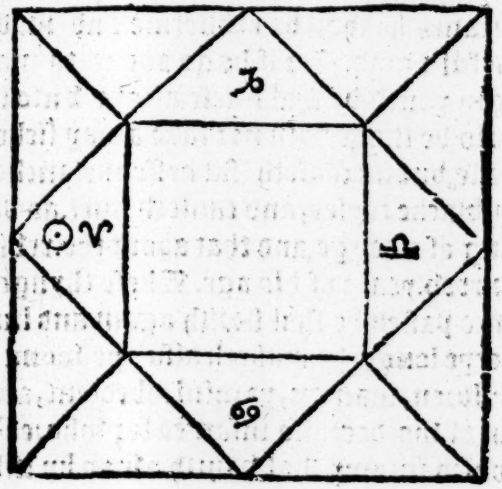
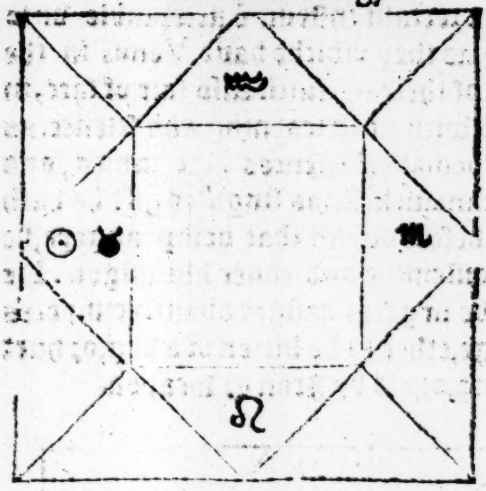
the fete. This we haue noted also out of certaine authors, that the children of Aries, being borne in the day, shalbe fortunate and of greate reputation and renowme amongste greate men and princes: contrariwise, they whiche are borne in the night, to be infortunate, and of no reputacion.



The Sunne in Taurus.

Taurus

TAurus doth make them bold & fortunate in attēpting hard and waighti affaires & businesse, a victor or conqueroure of his enemies, a great trauailer, & banished from his native countrye. Also seruile, familiar, angrye, but more in youth thē in age: for age shal take away al incommodities and displesures, & shal bringe richesse and mariage, by whiche meanes he shall be erhilerate and made ioyful & glad. For if he go about to marry in youth, he shal scarse attain vnto it, how be it age doth not take away sickenesse, but increaseth sadnesse, melancholy, blacke choler, and causeth hurt, as biting of a dogge, and that about the .xxviii. or .xxxv. yeare of his age. These thynges once passed, he shal florish again and liue verye longe. It maketh also the women childeren, wanton, painful, obedient, and ful of wordes: also infamed for whordō, which infamy shal vanish away by litle and litle, when she cometh to the age of xxi. yeres, she shal haue many husbands and childeren, wise and witty, in helping and counsailing others, also circumspect and ryche.



The Sunne in Gemini.

GEmini beinge naturallye fayre, dothe cauſe alſo a fair childe, merciful, wiſe and wittye, liberall, a boaſter, a runner, and ſtraier about countries, taking ſmal regarde to his owne buſines, wherby he ſhall be neither riche, neyther oppreſſed with pouerti, but of a meane eſtate. And of ſuche fidelitye and faythfulneſſe, that he ſhall haue the rule of the common treaſure, merye mineded, full of vnderſtanding, ſubtile, gentle to be ſpoken to,

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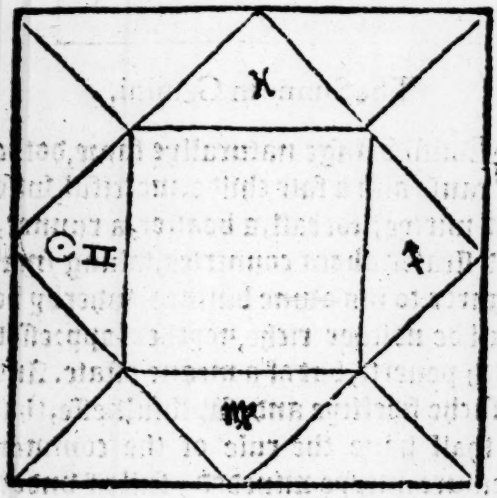
e by a certain instructiō acceptable vnto men, as they whiche haue Venus in the rote of their natiuitie. Also fair of face, indued with good learning and science: as Mathematical sciences, the lawes, and Arithmatick. This singuler gift he hath also before others, that being angrye, he can dissemble and couer his anger. He shalbe in great daūger about. xxiii. yeres of age, ether to be bitten of a dog, or hurt by fire, or els by Iron or weapon.



The Sunne in Cancer.

CAncer being naturally cold & moiste, doth make grose the flesh, and doth allure and prouoke to the loue and cõpany of women. Also it causeth a good wit, humility, and wisedome, full of strife and debate: for the most part geuing victorye ouer al his enemies. Attempting manye thinges, and specially on the sea, often in daũger, and vexed with manye incõmodities, with much pouerty & misery. And al be it he be the causer of gaine, yet shal he be neuer a whitte the richer: he shall digge for treasure, and finde that, which he loked not for. But if it be a maide, she shalbe fat, beautiful, nimble, angry, and sone pleased, diligente, wise, ciuile and shamfast, witty, disceitful, and crafty, saying one thinge and doinge another: alwaies careful and paineful, ordeyned to many dangers, as by water, by fallinge, by childe bearing, and by the colick, hauing her firste childe weake and tender, the other somewhat stronger. And if she happen to commit any faut of inkampe, after the age of xxvi. yeres it shalbe clene

abolished & put out of minde. After the which age, whether it be man or woman, it promiseth good successe & fortune. It maketh them also well beered, modest, faithful, painful, greadye of meate and drinke, acquainted with noble men, and fortunate in husbandry.

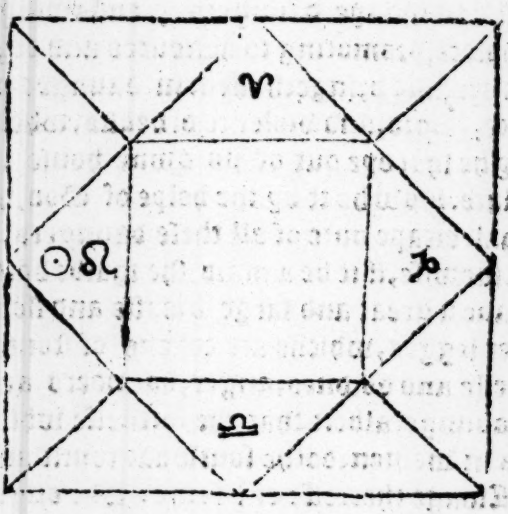
The Sunne in Leo.

The Sunne in Leo, maketh a stoute stomacke, bolde, arrogante, eloquente and

and proud: a mocker & scorner, vnmercifull, cruel, harde, and harde to be intreated. Beset with many miseries and perilles, out of the whiche he beynge escaped, shal obtaine some common office: as to be a centurion or a captaine ouer. v. c. loking for benefite at the handes of the noble men, vnfortunate in children, & for them sufferinge muche laboure and affliction, prone to anger, and putting himselfe in manye daungers, enflaminge cholere, promoting to honoures and dignities, and bringeth them in daunger of fire, sword, and violence of beasts, where by he shal dye out of his owne house or place. Howbe it by the helpe of God, he shall escape oute of all these daungers.

If the wife, if it be a maid, she shalbe bold, haue a great and large breaste and slender legges, whiche are tokens of stoutenesse and boldnes, anger, slaunders and bablinge, albeit that the softnesse which is in women, dothe somwhat remit and asswage therceffe of ỹ same. She ought also specially to take hede of hot water & fire, bi ỹ which she shalbe greatli in dãger

she shal also be much inclined to the sickenesse or knawinge of the stomacke. But after the age of xx. or xxi. yeres, she shal be fortunate in richesse, the whyche she shal obtaine by the helpe of greate men, and the vse of other mennes goods: also in housekeping, beautye, and loue. Notwithstandinge, she shall haue but fewe children.



The Sunne in Virgo.

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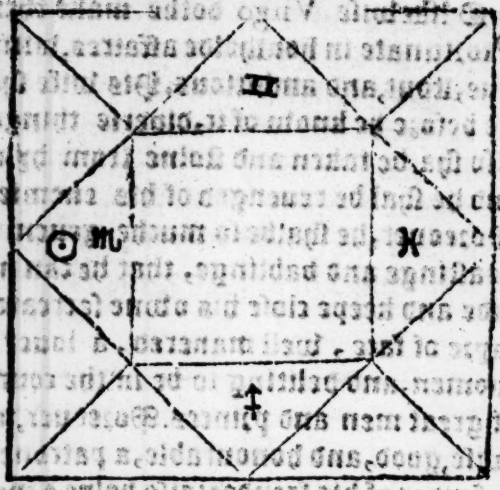
SO likewise Virgo dothe make them fortunate in houlholde affaires, witty, true, stout, and ambitious. His wife shal die before he know of it, diuerse thinges also shalbe taken and stolne from hym, and he shal be reuenged of his enemies. Moreouer, he shalbe so muche geuen to boastinge and bablinge, that he can not hide and keepe close his owne secreates, fayre of face, well manered, a louer of women, and delityng to be in the courts of great men and princes. Moreouer, iust wise, good, and honourable, a patrone & defender of his frendes: also holye & merciful, comelye bodied and wel frended. A maide of the same birthe, shalbe wittye, honest, and shamefaste, wel willinge, diligente, circumspecte and angrye, she shall marry about the age of. xvi. yeres, and shall bringe forthe her first begotten of an elogant and goodly form or shape. How be it whether they be men or women, they shalbe wrapped in many perils and daungers.



The Sunne in Libra.

The Sunne in Libra causeth the thrise to be libidinous, busy, fortunate, and spetially vpon the waters, or things pertening to the water. Also by swete spices and precious stones, and such like. It causeth likewise a comely body and nimble, a pleasaunt tongue or speche, a good name, seking out secretes, but seldō stedfast in promises, although he pretend otherwise. He shal put him selfe in greate

daungers

daungers & troubles. His first wyfe shal not continue with him long, he shal also haue enheritaunce of the goodes of dead men, and partly by hys own wit and industry. Neither shal he be altogether vnfortunate by foure foted beastes, he shal sucker mani and great things for womes sakes, and shalbe infamed for vnlawful companynge with them. Also he shalbe a good interpreter of dreames, whether his birthe be by day or night. The womē shalbe frendly, mery, and iocond, setting her whole delite on the fieldes & herbes, wandering into straunge places. About ỹ age of.xxiii. she shal marie, which mariage shalbe fortunate: whose beautie, pleasant speche or tongue, and comely behauiour, shall greatlye preser & promote her. Neither are the children of Libra altogether vnapt to letters or good learening. But let them take hede of kaldron water and of fire, for they shal receiue hurt by them, without great regard be had.

The Sunne in Scorpio.

Scorpio dothe augmente the inheritaunce, and addeth boldnes and stoutnesse, also flatterie, by the which he shall deceyue manye, shewynge (as they saye) breade in the one hande, and hidynge a Stone in the other: mingleynge poyson with honye, performynge almoste nothinge that he promiseth. Notwithstandinge, mery, and testing, lighte of beliefe, and a Cõquerour of his enemies. It causeth

seth also the women to be frendly, wise, and crafty, which shal be discerned of her first husband: her other husband she shal joyfully vse, and ouercome her enemies. Shee shall also haue the pain of ỳ splene, & be marked either in the head, or shoulders, or brawne of the arme. It maketh bothe kyndes bold and rash to robbe and steale, and to search out forbidden thynges, and to make cõtractes or bargains. Also it maketh them wanton, fornicatours, vnstable, and ful of euel thoughts and imaginations, babbling and angry, and sometime very sad and afflict. Howbe it there shall be Princes and greate menne whiche shall esteme and set much by such sort of men, and also of the common people which shal flatter them, wherby they shalbe had in reputation and honoure.

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The Sunne in Sagittarius.

SAgittarius is not altogether euil, for the Sunne dwellinge in it, dothe gene fortune, & ministreth a courage to take any thing in hand, whatsoeuer thou purposest: & specially to trauel straung countreis, and to passe the seas, and not to return without greate gaine. He shal also get frendes to come into the houses and courtes of princes, (not to gather vp the trenchers, or lick the dishes as the com-

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mō and viler sort of courtiers do) :but to be put in some office, as to be steward or such like, to the which promotion his agility and strength shal greatly preferre him. Moreouer, he shalbe altogether genē to riding, hauking, huntinge, daunsinge, and leaping, playes and games, rōbates and conflicts, for the which he shall haue many enemies which shal enuy him and impugn him grenously, whome he shall not withstandinge vanquishe and ouercome. He shal also possesse his fathers inheritance, which happeneth not vnto al men. And oftentimes it maketh thē iust, witty, stil, harty, ingenious, faithful, gentle, firm and stable, painful and hosting. The woman also shal not muche differ: for she shalbe ful of anxietie, painful, merciful, and much enuied & lien in wait for by euel men: but she shal ouercome them and be fertile in childe bearing. She shal marry about the age of .xvii. yeares, but if that mariage procede not, she shal not marrye vntil the age of .xviiii. yeares.

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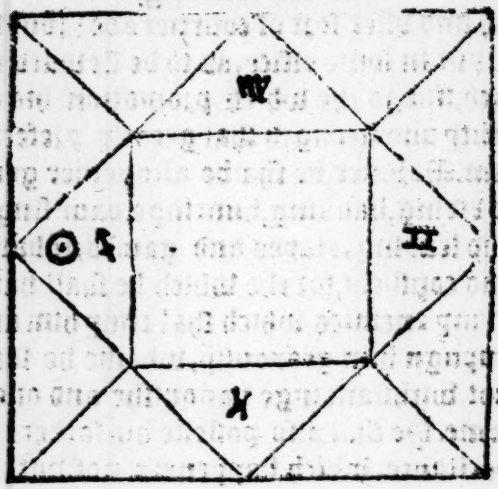

The Sunne in Capricorne.

CApricorne maketh the childe angrye and lighte, accompanynge him selfe with vyle and suspicions persones. Also paynefull, and distracte and vexed wyth diuerse variannces, the whyche aduersities he shall boldely and stoutlye beare oute and sustaine. He shall be readye to dye for the loue of some poore and simple maide, the which at length shal cast him

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into some disease and sickenes.

It maketh them also meanelye riche, beneuolent, chearefull, and mery: but vnstedfast, if ỳ natiuity be by night. In his age, when he seeth his richesse increase, he wil begin to loue monye, and decline from his former liberalitye, vnto couetousnesse, for in youth he was easy to be handled. He shal prosper in navigatiõs, and specially toward the East, for hys fortune shal come out of the Easte from greate men. The Phisiognomye of these children for the most part is such: a lyttle head, hollow eyes, and a meane boyce. Bathes be profitable vnto hym beynge sick. The women are timerous, and very shamefast, and shal haue dominion and victorye ouer their ennemies, and shall straye farre abroade.

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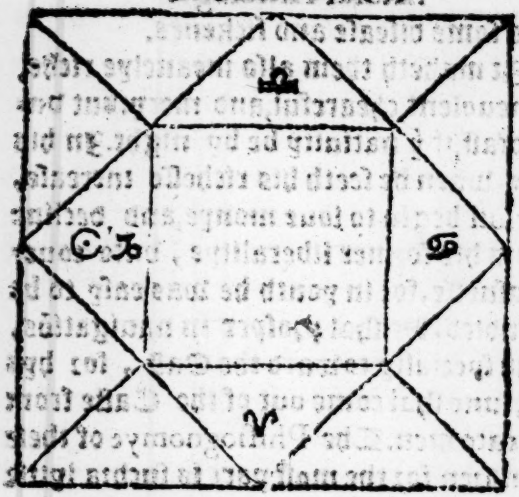

The Sunne in Aquarius.

AQuarius maketh the chylde frendlye, but couetous, and apt to quotidian a gues, vnfortunate about waters, whych naturally he shal abhorre. His good fortune shal begin to increase aboute thage of .xb or xbi. yeares, at the whyche tyme he shall beginne to wander and straye throughe diuers places, and ware somwhat ryche, whyche rychesse shal neuer come

come to aboundaunce, but shalbe dispersed againe vntil his latter yeares, which shal make amendes for that which hath bene ouer liberally spent afore. Neither shal his long iourneis turne him to any greate lucre or gaine, but he shal looke for, and obtaine greater profite at the hãds of others. Further, he shalbe vexed with sondry incommodities, losses, and pearils, and specially with his wife, and other women: for she shal fal into a palsey, neither shal he haue the fruition of her any long time, nether shal he prosper wyth other women, but she beyng once dead, al thynges shal come more fortunate to passe.

The maide borne in Aquarius shalbe proper and fine, true, and constãt, and in these three poyntes, she shall excell the man. She shal also be enriched by other mens goodes, and let her take heede of her childrẽ, for she shalbe vexed with many incõmodities, and attempte straunge places, she shalbe but of a mene estate vnto thage of .xxii. yeares, and then fortune

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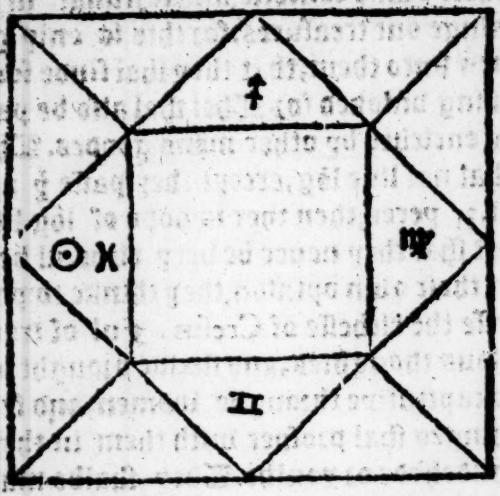
shall begin somewhat to fauour her: and she shal optaine meane richelle. Oftentimes bothe the men and wemen be soft of speche, wise, ingenious, faithfull, merye, and continuallye angrye with theyr enemies.

The Sunne in Pisces.

PIsces in youthe, both vexe his children with many euils, and oftentimes with out deserte: and maketh them couetous, merye, diligent, players, neglectinge fortune,

tune, of a good disposition, louing the cõpany of good men. Also of a quicke and ready tonge, bolde, standinge muche in their owne conceite, and fortunate in sekinge out treasures: for this is only geuen vnto them, that they shal finde somthing vnloked for. Thei shal also be partly enriched by other mens goodes. Thei shal not liue lõg, except they passe ỹ age of. 35 yeres, then ther is hope of lõg life: yet shal they neuer be very riche, al be it in their own opinion, they thinke to possesse the richesse of Cresus. Ful of troublous thoughtes, and shalbe brought into captiuitye throughe women, and few thinges shal prosper with them in theyr childehode or youthe. They shalbe marked in the elbowe or fote, and their fortune is towardes the Southe. The malden childzen shall be hote, bolde, of insolent tonges, contumelious, and ful of braulinge and scoldinge, beset with many pearisles, (and puttinge all honestye aparte) she shal forsake her husbande: and if she be not let, she wil marry her self vnto an aduoutrer. Also they shalbe

muche dered with the tormentes of the belye and stomacke. And thus you haue the secõd time the influẽces of the signes sufficiently spoken and intreated of.



The nature of the houses.

NOwe there bothe remaine to speake of the nature of the houses & signes, howe and in what thinges they fauoure or helpe our doinges, and what is to be done

done in euerye signe: whereby we maye so order all our actions and doinges, that all thinges maye come prosperously and happely to passe. For this is the ende & scope of Naturall Astrology, to the which if we do not attaine, I knoin not (as Alchabitius saith) to what end it can otherwise be profitable vnto vs.

The first house is geuen vnto Aries, who also is the first signe in order, and is called of the Astronomers the house of life, and signifieth the beginning of all workes: and that which in the beginninge of the life shall either delite the childe, or elles vexe him and trouble him, also his strength and weakues: and finally, al things that pertain to the natural life.

The second house is of Taurus, and is the house of substaunce, liuinge, ministration and seruauntes, and betokeneth the ende of youthe. In the whych house if Iupiter and Venus happen to bee: they will chiefelye encrease those goodes which amongest the lawers are

called moueables, and also vnmoueables, as gardens, fieldes, vineyards and yerely rentes, and what so euer dothe endure longe. Also if any man do hier any bond seruaunte vnder this sygne, he shall be faithfull in al thynges, he shalbe put in truste withal.

The thirde house whyche signifieth succesſe by brethren, sisters, kinred, and smal iourneis, is attribute vnto Gemini. Wherfore if any man haue Aries in the Horoscope, you may pronoūce vnto him good fortune by his brethren & kindred, by great men, and his neighbours.

It is good vnder this signe, to write and sende letters, to take in hande shorte iourneys, to begin frendshyp or brotherhode, or such like.

The fourthe house is called the mansion of parentes, inheritance, treasures, and secreates. In this house it is good to contract, bie and sel, & to chaunge vineyardes, fieldes, and possessions, to builde houses and engines, to lay foundations, to dig the earth, & to chuse thy sepulchre, for al these things Cācer doth prosperate

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The fifte house, is the house of chil-dren, and loue, legacies and giftes, and of al those thinges whiche after deathe do pertaine either to praise or reproche. It is expedient therfore vnder this signe to take in hande all thynges that com-meth in minde, to chearyshe thy selfe, to banket and make good cheare, to straye abroade, to enter in couenauntes and frendship, because of Venus ministrynge gladnesse. It is good also to put on new garmentes, to write Epistles, to be mer-rye and playe, and to gette him faithfol frendes, whiche maye defend him in his necessity and nede.

The sixte is the house of infirmitie and sickenesse, sadnesse, and seruauntes, the delite of Mars, and is imputed vnto Virgo. It is not good herein neyther to bie nor sel, because of vnfaithfulnesse, la-bour, and sorow: and specially by Mercu-rials and virgines, whome a man ought to eschue. For it hapeth against vs false witnesse, theues, and those whiche shal lie in wait for our life, menslears, & blod sheders. Also tumultes, seditions, and

factions, and al these shall happen by the Virginistes, & Mercurials, because ẏ Mars as is aforsaid doth reioyse ī these things.

The. vii. is in Libra, which folowing by and by after the sicknesse, is the house of mariage, and of those thynges which are handled abouts the middle age, as it were in equal balance. In this it is good to amend and recouer things lost and in desperation: and because it is the house of perfit enmity, it is good to haue to do with thine ennemies, to begin warres & debates, and specially for them whiche haue Aries in thascendent.

The. viii. mansion is attribute vnto Scorpio, & is the house or portiō of death, feare, and inheritaunce of deade men, and of such thinges as are done after death. Wherfore take heede that in this signe thou take in hand nothing, nether entre vpon any iourney or cōmit thy self vnto waters, because that herein he shal easily take hurt. Wherfore al battailes, contentions, vniust causes, enmities, & euil wemen are to be eschued, and specially if they rise by meanes of inheritance.

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The.ix. is in Sagittarius, the house of faithe, religion, long iourneys, wisdome philosophy, Mathematical sciẽces, bokes, epistles, narrations, messages, dreames, and rumoures, whiche euerye one haue their proper starre in the firmamente of heauen. Wherefore the Sunne or Mone beinge in that house, it is good to take in hande the thinges aforesaide, for because they shal soner take effecte at that time then at anye other, for it is the mansion of perfect frendshyp.

The.x. house is in Capricorne, and is called the house of kingdome, rule, and office, and what so euer pertaineth to power. Wherfore, if thou wilt geue forth any precept or commaundemẽt, or bring any prouince or city in subiection, or attain and get any rich kingdome, or haue to do with any iudge, or take in hand the defence of the poore, or haue conferens with great or noble men: al these things may haply & fortunately be don, the Sun or Mone being in this house, commonly called the house of Capricorne by the reguler order, Aries being in ỹ firste house.

The.xi. is referred to Aquarius, and is the house of prayse, of good fortune, the delite of Iupiter, of seruauntes, and helpers in this mansion. It is good to sette vpon thine ennemies, to get frendes, to prayse them by whom thou lokest for rewards and gaine: and finally, to take in hande al thinges that wee wolde haue come wel to passe.

The moste euil and pestilente house in a manner of all is the.xii. house, for it is the mansion of ennemies, prysons, labours, miseries, enuye, murmurations and beastes, and is the ende of lyfe. In thys house let no goodnesse be loked for, but let him take hede of imprisonmente or fetters, the whyche (if he chaunce to come into in this signe) he shalbe hardly deliuered oute. And if that Saturn the Lorde of the house, or Mars be there: it wooreketh deathe, and al kynde of mischiefe. And thus successiuely of al the other signes.

Hitherto we haue spoken of the nature and effectes of the signes, in what thinges they beyng ascendente, do helpe

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and further vs. Nowe wee will cal to mynde againe somewhat whiche was spoken before concerninge the Planets, aboute the whiche (as the matter dothe require) wee wyl not tarye wyth longe circumstaunce accordynge to the Prouerbe, not mindinge to make an Elephant of a flie: a great matter of a smal.

Saturne Lorde of the Birthe.

SAturnus whereseuer he be Lorde of birthe, doth drawe the minde of those whiche are borne vnder him, hauing the bridle at libertie: to bee hie minded and stubburne, to malice, and to manye miseries and calamities. Howbeit, he geueth sayethe and wisdome to perswade, and to discerne that whyche is iuste and true in al matters but in hys owne, in the whiche he shal not be so circumspect. He shal truste muche vnto hym selfe and to hys owne wytte, a smal eater, but a large

large drinker, not greatly affectioned towardes his wife and children.

Moreouer, he causeth the bodye to be wane, colde, and drie, filling it ful of euil humoures, maketh paleneſſe, bringeth ſickeneſſe ſone, and heapeth all diſeaſes together: as the inflammations of the lunges, with a feruent ague, the dropſy, the gout, the kings euil, botches & biles, falling of the heere, and blindeneſſe, falling ſickeneſſe: and finallye, the whole ſeas and floude of noughtye and vicious humoures. He doth alſo cut of and ſhorten the life, eyther in a moyſte place, or els in a ſtraunge or deſerte place, oute of his native countrye. It is alſo very euell if Mercury do ſal in the houſe of Saturn, for he maketh an inchaunter, a conjurer a ſouthſayer, a truſe breaker, and an enemy of his parents and brethren, and of al other men.

¶ Iupiter Lorde of the birthe.

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IVpiter doth euery wher deserue prayse for there is no poynte of counsel, wisedome, knowledge, eloquence, and beautye, whyche he dothe not liberallye minister and geue: so that if ye will discribe anye good manne, you maye well faine him to be a Iouial. And briefly, if thou vendicate vnto him al vertues and goodnesse, thou canste not erre. For the Iouialles be fullye replenished wyth all those thinges, so much lesse do they lacke anye thinge. To what ende shall I nede to commende and prayse their magnanimitie, with their large honours and promotions: when as I said before, there is nothinge founde to be wantinge or lacking in them.

Mars Lord of the Birthe.

CONtrariwise, Mars beinge naturally euil, dothe make them disposed to all kinde of euell. And as we sayde, there was nothing in Iupiter blame worthye: so

so wee do againe pronounce, that there is none so greate a mischiefe, but that the Martialistes dare boldly take in hād: nor none so foule a crime, wherewyth they are not contaminate and defiled. It is counted an heynous thinge amongest them to be honest and good. And it is counted a greate vertue to robbe and steale, to kil, to burne, to lye, to disceaue, and deiyde. And to be shorte, it is naturall vnto them to commit al vnlawful thinges. And if there be any thing more mischeuous then other: they thinke it lawful for them to do it withoute shame or punishment.

Venus Lady of the birth.

The properties of Venus are so wel knowen that I shal not nede to stand about it with greate circumstances: neither do I see why she should not be ioyned with Iupiter. For vnto al the effects and workes, to al the vertues and sciences, and finallye, to al the good thynges that Iupiter doth geue: she addeth splendour

honre and renowme, and also riche, and specially if Iupiter be in any frendlye aspecte wyth her: or that Mercurye be in conianction with Saturne and Mars, her signification is wel knowen.

Mercury Lord of the birth.

VNto some Mercury semeth doubtful good with the good, & euil wyth the euil. Howbeit alone he is verye good in geuinge the dowries of the witte or disposition, in the which he doth excel Iupiter and Venus. As for the sortes & kinds of sciences and learning, they are so wel knowen, that we shal not nede to repete them here againe.

The Sunne vvith the Lord of the birth

ALL ý which is aforesaid of ý good planets, we wold also haue it vnderstād of the Sunne. For he is assured of a good planet which hath him, I mean not lord of ý birth: for that he is neuer. Likewise as the Moone being with the lord of the birthe semeth to me to bee (as it were) meane betwene Mars and Venus, and there-

therfore kepeth as it were a mean in the natural gifts. But if she happen to come in coniunction with Iupiter, Venus, and Mercurye: who wil not iudge that man most happy.

¶ The Mone vvith the Lord of the birth.

The Mone only for this cause is euel reported, because it dothe brede instabilitie and vnstedfastnes, the which in a mā bringeth also al kind of mischiefes.

Cannons or rules for the erection of the Figure of the heauen.

THe same order of the signes is obserued herein that is in the artificial, for what signe is ascendēt, euery planet accordynge to the order, is to be put into euery house. As if Aries be the ascendente of the birthe: place Aries in the firste house, Taurus in the seconde, Gemini in the thirde, and Cancer in the fourth

fourth. If the Sunne be in Cancer, thou shalt place Cancer in the first house, Leo in the seconde, Virgo in the thyrde, Libra in the fourth, Scorpio in the fifte, Sagittarius in the sixte, Capricorne in the seuenthe, whiche is opposite to Cancer, and the other in their order as you well knowe.

But the Lordshippe and gouernours of the signes is cleane preposterous and contrarye to that whiche is alledged of Firmicus: for here onlye respecte is had to the Lorde of the ascendente, and after him the other Planettes in ethe house are to bee placed according to their naturall order.

And in this onlye it agreeth with the artificial, that the Lorde of the ascendent is placed with the ascendent of the other planets, there is no order but onlye the natural order. As for example, I desyre to erect a figure of natiuity, the Sun being in Aries, I knowe the order of the houses. I will sette in the firste house Aries, in the seconde Taurus, in the eyght Scorpio, in the nynthe Sagittarius,

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in the.x. Capricorne, in the.xi. Aquarius, in the.xii. Pisces. And the signes beynge thus sette, is almoost the whole order of them which iudge by the Horoscope.

Now foloweth the order of the planets. Firste of al I appoynte to the Lordship of Aries, Mars: for he is Lord of the sign, to the second house I ascribe the Sunne, to the third Venus, to the fourth Mercury, to the fift the Mone, to the sixthe Saturne, to the seuenth Iupiter, to the eight Mars, to the ninthe the Sunne, to the.x. Venus, to the leuenth Mercury, to the. xii. the Mone.

Thus you see the Lorde of the ascendente onlye, excepte al other planets, to be placed accordinge to their natural order. I wold not that anye man shuld vnderstand me herein, that when I speake of the ascendente, that I meane the ascendente of the houre or Horoscope: but of the signe in the whiche the Sunne is at that time.

Likewise in the seconde reuolution, thou shalt set Saturne in the fyrst house, and shalbe the Lorde of life at the age of

xiii.

riii. yeares. In the seconde house Iupiter and according vnto his nature iudge the substaunce of the childe. To the thyrde house adde Mars, and by him iudge concerninge brethren and kinred, and short iournies. To the fourth house, the sunne and according to his nature, haue respect to the parentes and inheritance at xvi. yeares of age. And by thys example you maie raise to anye man a like reuolution, and perceiue thereby what shall happen yerelye. For this house doth not signifie that shorte reuolution wherein the Sunne is euery .ii. hours: but a yerelye reuolution. Wherefore we haue added a reuolution, stretching to .84. yeres, according vnto the ascendent in Aries: but if that any other signe be ascendent, you must fourme an other reuolutiō, but according vnto this tipe or rule. If thou wilt iudge of children, loke to ỹ fifte house: For sicknes, smal beastes, or seruants: behold the sixte house. For mariages and open enemies, the seuenth house. For deathe and inheritance by deade men, and suche kinds of thinges: geue iudgement by the

eight house, and so likewise of all the o-ther houses. Neither do I vnderstande and perceiue what ether ought or can be further spoke or said herein. The summe of this art is to know the natures of the signes & planets, & then to erect a figure, & to exercise that which you haue reade. Proue it who wil, and he shal see it not onlye to agree with the artificial: but also far to excel it, as wel for the easinesse, as also for the certaintie of the same. Thou seest (as we said before in our pre-face, & now againe without shame) that there is nothing so much to be take hede of, as a fewe things which are taken out of the artificial. Neither is it vnknowen ỹ Liechtenbergius the best learned of his time in naturall Mathematical sciences, by this only Art to haue made all the a-stronomers astonied, & to haue wrought straunge thinges. Wherefore it shoulde seme very euil, if that we shoulde suffer the learnyng and cunning of such a man to be obscured & kept close, for these oure doinges we haue drawen out of him. Wherfore we are the lesse to be blamed

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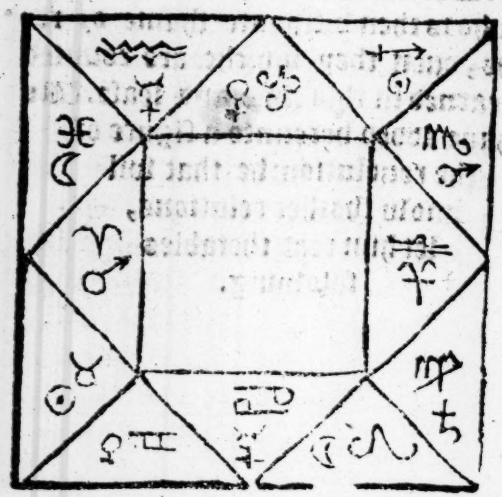
if that we haue not satisfied euery mans mind: except you wil count it faute worthye, that we haue expounded and sette oute other mens good workes, vnto the posteritye, and preferre them before oure owne. The whiche thinge if it be culpable, who is then without shame or reproche, euen they whiche are counted best learned in this time and seasō. We haue added hereunto a figure of the reuolution: he that wil know thother reuolutions, let him read thetables folowing.

A Figure of the reuolution of the Sygnes and Planettes accordynge to Naturall Astrologye, whose ascendente is ♈, and the Lorde of the same ♂.



A continuation or prolongyng of the figure aforesaide, from the first yeare of the Horoscope in ♈, vnto the ende of. 84. yeres.

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10	♑	♀	22	♂	34	♄	46	♀	58	☉	70	♐	82	☽
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